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TOP — Federal Minister for Sport Ros Kelly meets goalkeeping hero Robert Zabica before last Sunday's Australia v Hajduk Split match at Parramatta Stadium. BELOW — Graham Arnold (No 9) gets the full treatment as Andrew Bernal (No 5) looks on, but the Socceroos won 1-0 — HECTOR CARRASCO photos.



Hajduk Split tour

AUSSIES CAN GO TWO UP



Tour special Pages 2/3

Italia '90 kicks off

BY LOU GAUTIER

The 1990 World Cup gets under way early on Saturday, Australian eastern time, with the traditional opener involving the defending champions.

Argentina will take on the outsiders from Cameroun at Milan's Meazza Stadium at

the completion of a spectacular one-hour opening ceremony. After that it will be

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Captains Peter Shilton and Diego Maradona before the kick-off of the 1986 World Cup quarter-final in Mexico between England and Argentina in 1986. They should be amongst the stars of Italia '90 but their teams are only rated an outside chance by the experts.

NSW — QUEENSLAND

— 100 years old in Brisbane on Sunday

Australia v Hajduk 1-0

Speedy Trimboli goal wins the first round

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PAUL Trimboli's shock goal just seconds after the kick-off was enough to beat visiting Hajduk Split 1-0 last Sunday night at Parramatta Stadium.

The lethal Trimboli smacked home a 25-metre drive after defender Gary van Egmond had pumped a high ball upfield for striker Graham Arnold to climb high and nod back for Trimboli to nail the target.

Australia, under the sole guidance of Eddie Thomson for the first time, soaked up everything the Croats could throw at them.

Socceroo goalkeeper Robert Zabica more than highlighted Australia's great confidence in the last four minutes of the match when Hajduk's classy centre-back Slaven Bilic caught Australia's defence square and broke through on the right and looked set to score the face-saving equaliser.

But Zabica was already down on his



Socceroo Gary van Egmond clears under the anxious eye of his captain Charlie Yankos — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

knees (with the cigars) ready to easily snap up the giant centre-back's lethal low drive from 12 metres.

Right on the half-hour mark, Trimboli came close to nailing his second goal when he unleashed a vicious left-footed outstep drive that flashed centimetres

past the Hajduk left post.

Hajduk also came close to scoring in the 37th minute when the talented 19-year-old midfielder Goran Vucevic slammed a 30-metre freekick that skimmed the Socceroos' crossbar.

Just a minute after this incident, Australia struck back.

Man of the match (yet again!) Arnold turned brilliantly onto an Ernie Tapai cross to hit a rocket drive from 20 metres out on an angle that flashed just wide of the far post.

Hajduk's midfield of Ante Mise, Igor Stimac, Vucevic and Marin Lalic were technically far superior to the Socceroo quartet of Ernie Tapai, Paul Wade, Tommy McCulloch and George Jolevski.

But the Socceroo midfield more than made up for this deficiency with sheer guts and fighting spirit.

The heart of Australia's defence, where triple central defenders Andrew Bernal, Alex Tobin and Charlie Yankos operated, repeatedly and easily soaked up all pressure that came their way.

Bernal, who was making his debut with the senior national side, was outstanding.

Four minutes before the break, Hajduk looked certain to score from close range.

The ball was switched twice from the flanks before it fell to the far post where striker Josko Jelicic blasted from just three metres out, but again a super-confident Zabica, smothered the danger.

Midway through the second half, Arnold showed just why he is possibly Australia's most valuable player.

Time after time, he dropped back as much as 70 metres to throw himself into tackles and stop the advance of Hajduk, then pick himself up and be up at the other end ready to receive a cross or through ball when Australia attacked.

Most pleasing from Australia's point of view was the fact that coach Thomson had to field many new faces in an untried combination due to a long list of injuries.

Hajduk impressed highly, mainly through right back Mili Hadziabdic, and twin centre-backs Bilic and Nikolka Jerkan.

Socceroo skipper, Charlie Yankos said after the match: "The boys did well, especially as we were a new combination, playing a new style for Eddie Thomson."

"We kept possession for long periods and we



IGOR STIMAC (Hajduk)

will get better as we play more games together."

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, van Egmond, Bernal, Tobin, Yankos, Tapai (Okon 87m), Wade, McCulloch, Jolevski (de Marigny 72m), Trimboli (Krslovic 61m), Arnold.

HAJDUK SPLIT: Pralija, Hadziabdic, Jurkovic, Bilic, Jerkan, Stimac, Jelicic, Mise, Lalic, (Racunica 63m), Vucevic, Mihic (Kovac 59m).

SCORER: Trimboli 33rd second.

YELLOW CARDS: Jerkan (8m), Hadziabdic (44m), and Jurkovic (47m) for Hajduk; Jolevski (36m) and Bernal (38m) for Australia.

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Coaches' Comments

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE THOMSON, handling Australia on his own for the first time, was in a reflective mood in the Socceroos' dressing rooms after last Sunday's 1-0 win over Hajduk Split.

"We did extremely well and we will get better. Don't forget that many of these boys have not played together and we were missing at least six regular players."

"Bernal, Tapai and Yankos did everything asked of them and more. Robbie Zabica looked very confident."

"But for the return match on Wednesday (tonight) in Melbourne, I fully expect Hajduk to come out at us like a house on fire," warned Thomson.

Meanwhile, Hajduk coach and former First Division player Luka Peruzovic, had plenty to say.

First he refused to select any single outstanding performer in his team.

"I am only concerned with a whole team performance, not any individual."

"It was a good tour opener for us. Australia's goal was a lucky early goal that set us back. We controlled most of the match and created chances."

"I was satisfied with my team's mental approach and aggression, but I hope that our next match will bring us a better result."

"The most important



EDDIE THOMSON

thing for me is team play."

Luka Peruzovic is a former Hajduk Split central defender and played for the club together with former Sydney Croatia player-coach, Vederan Rozic.

The 38-year-old tactician also played for Anderlecht when they won the European Cup-Winners' Cup in the mid-70s.

He stopped playing four years ago.

Peruzovic went on to comment: "Australia played a typical English style of soccer against us. They are aggressive and get behind the ball quickly when not in possession."

"They are quite physical, but they had too many young players with little experience at international level."

AUSTRALIAN caretaker coach Eddie Thomson, although extremely pleased with the effort his lads displayed last Sunday night against Hajduk Split, wants to bring in Mehmet Durakovic and Kimon Taliadoros for tonight's return clash at Olympic Park (8pm kick-off).

Thomson understandably is reluctant to make too many changes to last Sunday's winning combination, but he is toying with the idea of fielding the Melbourne Hellas duo in tonight's line up.

Durakovic, the extremely classy free-back, is long overdue for a national shirt.

His intelligent distribution and quick reading from the back cements enormous confidence in any



Aussie goalkeeper Robert Zabica against Hajduk. His was a five-star performance. Look no further for Australia's 1994 World Cup goalkeeper — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



Alex Tobin clears the danger as Andrew Bernal looks on in this Hajduk assault on the Australian goal last Sunday — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

defence.

Hajduk has two excellent centre-backs in Slaven Bilic and Nikola Jerkan, who not only are rock-solid in defence but like to venture upfield now and again for a crack at goal.

Bilic, last Sunday night at Parramatta Stadium, caught the Australian defence by surprise when he appeared from nowhere very late in the second half to launch a hit at the target from the right which Soccer-

oo goalkeeper Robert Zabica was well positioned to snap up with both gloves.

Giant striker Taliadoros is also long overdue for a green and gold shirt.

Taliadoros is a very direct and powerful striker who has developed a stunning understanding with his club partner in crime, the elegant Paul Trimboli.

Thomson said last night: "Don't worry about Hajduk after their loss last Sunday.

They will come at us like a house on fire."

"But I am very confident that we will again defend well and soak up everything they throw at us."

"But I want to bring in Durakovic and Taliadoros for the game."

Meanwhile, Hajduk coach and former central defender, Luka Peruzovic told ASW: "I am looking forward to the return match. I hope we will get a better result than last Sunday."

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MIDWEEK games between Mount Druitt and Central Coast and Petersham and Waverley were both called off and the latter tussle has so far been rescheduled five times already, without success.



BIROL SIRTBAS — has scored four goals this season.

Mount Druitt performed well on Saturday when they led the capable Waverley side at a bumpy Waverley Oval, with only two minutes left.

Waverley had looked good, without breaking through and it appeared that Mount Druitt would steal both points

Dulwich Hill, Southern Dists on top

BY PAUL GOODWIN

when they hit the lead in the 75th minute.

John White capitalised when a John Devenay clearance was only skied to the edge of the penalty area. White was alert to the situation and picked his spot from 15 metres.

Barry Walker maintained his reputation for scoring late goals, with his head, when he was first to a Joe Watson flag-kick and was able to put the ball into the far corner of the net.

Petersham found Granville-Chile a different proposition than in their first meeting and were delighted to be two up after 36 minutes.

Despite some dangerous raids from the Andy Ferris-led attack, Lusitanos finally found the winner's touch thanks to two goals by Darren Stephenson.

The first a header after a Robbie Lowe cross in the 33rd and the second three minutes later, with the same man intercepting a stray back pass and rounding the keeper.

Granville dominated the second period, but the defence, for which Petersham has become renowned, kept them at bay until Ferris headed past van der Leeden in the 73rd minute, not enough to prevent



Manly Warringah's Dudley Fox moves the football at Cromer Park, in the match which resulted in a 4-1 win over Mt Druitt Town last week — Photo by courtesy of The Manly Daily.

vent the home side claiming a long overdue 2-1 victory.

The win brought up a double for Petersham whose first round success was by an identical score.

On Sunday Fairfield City dented Southern District's promotion hopes with a solid 2-0 win at their Knight Park headquarters.

Hugo Gimenez was singled out for special treatment and the side never recovered from being 2-0 down after 20 minutes.

Alberto Arbelo gave his side a seventh minute lead with a long-range shot and Tony O'Shana got onto a mis-hit clearance by Gregson to make it 2-0.

Gladesville-Hornsby faced Rosebery at their new Christie Park home and recorded their first win there thanks to a splendid Bernie Voloder solo effort in the 32nd minute.

Voloder had another shot cleared off the line by Erkin Osman earlier in the game, which was evenly contested.

Rosebery came closest through David Batten and Paul Harriott, who had both good shots saved by an in-form David Griffiths.

Manly-Warringah did enough to beat Orange at Cromer Park, although they only had one goal to show for their afternoon's work.

Tom Gavin set up Tiz Morosini in the 69th minute and the big man did the rest with a hammer-like shot.

Central Coast twice came from behind against Campbelltown with their best performance in many weeks.

Without the likes of Caisley, Caban and Mason, currently on the injured list, Coast now have Darren Northam in fine fettle in midfield to compensate and Mark Drysdale again showed up well on his return to the side.

After going behind to a penalty by Ray Carney, the home side also scored from the spot, Dale Eggleton doing the honours.

Dave Fitzsimmons made a rare error in spilling a Carney shot in the second half and Sep Disch restored his

the top when they take on Gladesville at Christie Park tonight and under the first-class floodlights, the Mitre 10 Bears should give them a real test of their premiership ability.

RESULTS

Petersham-Lusitanos 2 (D. Stephenson) Granville-Chile 1 (Ferris), Waverley 1 (Walker) Mount Druitt 1 (J. White), Central Coast 3 (Eggleton (pen), Gribble, Garland) Campbelltown Vikings 2 (Carney (pen), Disch), Manly-Warringah 1 (Morosini) Orange-Waratah 0, Dulwich Hill 1 (Borges) Auburn-Yugal 0, Gladesville-Hornsby 1 (Voloder) Rosebery-Portugal 0, Fairfield City 2 (Arbelo, O'Shana) Southern Districts 0.



DARREN NORTHAM

team's lead.

The second equaliser came from Jason Gribble, now running into top form, and the winner was from Matthew Garland with a 75th minute drive from the edge of the box.

Dulwich Hill were far from impressive in defeating a disappointing Yugal 1-0 at Arlington Oval.

They will have a great chance to scoot ahead at

NSW FEDERATION DIV 2/6, WOMEN'S TABLES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1		Spanish Club	
Dulwich Hill	11 7 4 0 24 6 18	Nineveh Eagles	8 4 1 3 14 10 9
Southern Dist.	12 8 2 2 25 13 18	SSC Zagreb	7 4 1 2 10 8 9
Camp'town Vik.	13 7 3 3 27 20 17	Colo Colo	7 3 2 2 10 7 8
Fairfield City	13 5 6 2 20 15 16	Hajduk Rangers	8 4 0 4 15 13 8
Petersham	13 3 8 2 12 12 14	Arndcliffe	8 3 1 4 8 13 7
Central Coast	13 6 2 5 17 18 14	Roxy Hill Gunner	5 2 1 2 7 7 5
Granville Chile	14 5 3 6 17 22 13	Belmore Hercules	6 0 0 6 5 18 0
Manly Warringah	13 4 4 5 16 13 12	Croatia Syd Jns	5 0 0 5 2 19 0
Waverley	11 4 4 3 16 14 12	FEDERATION LEAGUE 5	
Rosebery	12 5 2 5 22 22 12	GRADE 1	
Gladesville H'by	12 3 6 3 17 19 12	West Dist Hellas	8 7 1 0 33 9 15
Auburn Yugal	12 3 2 7 11 16 8	Macquarie Uni	9 6 1 2 24 15 13
Mt Druitt Town	12 1 4 7 9 18 6	Arndcliffe	8 5 1 2 24 12 11
Orange War	13 0 2 11 10 35 2	Lithgow Workmen	9 5 1 3 17 12 11
STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2		Ashour Star	7 3 1 1 14 15 9
Southern Dist.	12 11 1 0 35 7 23	Prospect United	6 4 0 2 11 8 8
Granville Chile	14 10 2 2 29 16 22	Chile Sports	9 3 0 6 7 21 6
Rosebery	12 9 2 1 31 11 20	GNS United	9 2 1 6 12 18 5
Manly W'gah	13 6 4 3 40 28 16	Sydney Uni	7 1 0 6 8 15 2
Camp'town Vik.	13 6 3 4 23 16 15	CSI Schofields	7 1 0 6 15 25 2
Dulwich Hill	11 6 2 3 24 9 14	FEDERATION LEAGUE 5	
Gl'ville H'by	12 6 2 4 28 19 14	GRADE 2	
Central Coast	13 6 2 5 28 29 14	West Dist Hellas	8 7 0 1 24 10 14
Waverley	11 4 2 5 18 22 10	Alexander	7 4 2 1 22 13 10
Fairfield City	13 4 1 8 15 26 9	Lithgow Workmen	9 4 2 3 14 16 10
Mt Druitt Town	12 2 2 8 18 23 6	Sporting Peru	5 3 2 0 11 1 8
Petersham	13 1 3 9 10 28 5	Sydney Uni	5 3 2 0 13 4 8
Auburn Yugal	12 1 2 9 15 44 4	Prospect United	7 2 4 1 14 8 8
Orange W'gah	13 0 2 11 6 42 2	Macquarie Uni	7 3 1 3 15 8 7
STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1		GNS United	9 3 1 5 17 26 7
Mt Pritchard	6 5 1 0 17 3 11	Chile Sports	8 2 0 4 6 14 4
Lennos Allstars	9 5 1 3 14 10 11	Ashour Star	8 2 0 6 12 31 4
Port Hacking	7 5 0 2 14 9 10	CSI Schofields	7 1 1 5 12 20 3
Bankstown	7 3 3 1 14 7 9	Macquarie Uni	8 1 1 6 7 16 3
Hills United	8 3 3 2 16 10 9	FEDERATION LEAGUE 6	
Cyprus United	7 4 1 2 16 11 9	GRADE 1	
Uni of NSW	9 3 2 4 12 18 8	Penrith	7 5 1 1 17 9 11
North Ryde RSL	8 2 2 4 12 16 6	Pagewood Botany	8 5 1 2 18 11 11
West Wanderers	7 2 1 4 13 14 5	Assyrian	8 4 3 1 10 6 11
Bathurst 75	6 2 0 4 6 9 4	Liverpool City	9 4 3 2 17 14 11
Concordia	8 1 2 5 3 16 4	New Welcome Sport	7 5 0 2 14 7 10
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North Ryde RSL	8 0 2 6 4 16 2	Balmaln	7 5 0 2 16 13 10
Concordia	8 0 2 6 2 30 2	Liverpool Olympic	6 4 1 1 15 6 9
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GRADE 1		New Welcome Sport	7 3 1 3 17 14 7
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Nineveh Eagles	7 3 1 3 8 8 7	North Ryde RSL	4 4 0 0 10 1 8
Belmore Hercules	5 3 0 2 10 8 6	Melita Eagles	5 3 0 2 13 2 6
Hawkesbury Dist.	6 1 2 3 3 7 4	Liverpool Olympic	4 3 0 1 6 3 8
Croatia Syd Jns	7 0 2 5 4 33 2	Illawarra	5 1 1 3 5 16 1
Roxy Hill Gunner	5 0 0 5 4 16 0	Epping Eastwood	5 1 0 4 4 9 2
FEDERATION LEAGUE 4		Mt Druitt Town	3 0 1 2 3 10 1
GRADE 2		WOMENS 2ND DIVISION	
Trasandinos	8 5 1 2 16 7 11	GRADE 1	
Concord Juniors	8 5 0 3 20 7 10	Gl'ville Raven	4 4 0 0 8 1 8
Hawkesbury Dist.	6 4 1 1 17 8 9	Melita Eagles	4 3 0 1 12 4 6
FEDERATION LEAGUE 4		Liverpool City	4 2 0 2 12 8 4
GRADE 1		North Ryde RSL	4 1 0 3 6 7 2
Trasandinos	8 5 1 2 16 7 11	Epping Eastwood	4 0 0 4 2 20 0
Concord Juniors	8 5 0 3 20 7 10	NEW SOUTH WALES	
Hawkesbury Dist.	6 4 1 1 17 8 9	STATE LEAGUE ONE	

Rosebery's Tony Heery simply won't let up

BY PAUL GOODWIN

WHEN a player is born in 1952, he can usually expect to have hung up his boots by now, particularly if he is a striker.

For Rosebery's Liverpool-born attacking wizard, Tony Heery, that day is still a long way off.

Heery began his long career back in 1970 when he turned out for the reserve side of English 2nd Division club Preston North End.

In an eventful soccer life, he has had two spells with Cork Celtic in the Irish League 1st Division, and spent further seasons with Lancashire League club Kirby Town and Cheshire League Marine later in the 1970s.

In 1979 Melbourne club Slavia brought Tony to Australia, but he eventually turned out for Brunswick Juventus in the Victorian State League until 1983, before moving on to Prahran Celtic, Melbourne Hungaria and Coburg, where he stayed until 1987.

Last season he joined then 3rd Division NSW Federation side Rosebery Portugal and in 21 appearances scored eight goals from his traditional wingman's position.

To date, in the club's State League Division 2

campaign, Heery has managed three goals already from only six appearances and despite a number of new signings and the higher standard, is proving a very hard player to drop, according to his coach, fellow Englishman Kelly Cross.

Tony Heery is known at the club as 'Ball-bag', due to his reluctance to carry the training balls off the park after training.

He says that he eats right-backs for breakfast and does work very hard at training, encouraging and advising the younger players in the squad.

Very popular with the supporters, he lives and breathes soccer — "I'm obsessed by it!" — and loves every aspect of the game.

He naturally 'rates' Maradona and has plenty of his own jinks and dummies, with equal strength in either foot.

He gets stuck in well for a "little old man", enjoys the "social" side of the game and is capable of turning a game single handed, which makes his coach's decision to leave him out a very difficult one, whenever it happens.

The game needs players like Tony Heery to emphasize that dedication and love of the game can bring their own rewards even at this stage of life.

BHP unsettled despite win

BHP Austral's new boys, Gary Phillips and Robert Ironside, had a quiet debut for their adopted club against Sydney Olympic on Sunday at St George Stadium as BHP Austral won 1-0.

They settled better after the first 45 minutes, but the Newcastle side looked far from promotion material and failed to penetrate.

Wayne Bailey was one of the few to make an impression up front and in the 47th minute tested Gary Meier with a shot from the edge of the box.

Olympic appeals for a penalty, when Jerkovic came down after a Howard Tredinnick tackle in the area, fell on deaf ears in the 54th and Tredinnick headed a Georgeopoulos header off the line as Australs found themselves on the receiving end.

The Newcastle defender was given his marching orders after a late tackle soon after this, but by this stage the visitors were intent on taking risks going forward and got their reward with a goal in the last minute.

Pol Krstevski, coming on as a substitute, ran onto a Bobby Naumov throughpass to tuck the ball under the 'keeper and give his team two very valuable points from a



Sydney Olympic's Jason Bennett — his team is running dead last. Shame, shame...HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

game they hardly deserved to win.

Once the newcomers settle down the Novocastrians should prove a quality unit, but they will need similar luck in the coming

weeks, in the company of teams like Canberra Croatia.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Barrett, Triantafyllou, Sharpley, Georgeopoulos, Lardis, Plataniotis, Hristodoulou, Aroujo, Bennett (Jerkovic), Refenes.

Croatia unstuck

THE first class Sydney Croatia side came unstuck to go down 2-1 at Arlington Oval against a very sharp Canterbury outfit under the astute eye of Iliya Takach.

Nick Oustambasidis was as speedy as ever and he gave the Berries a fifth minute lead when he pounced on a ball which Zeljko Kalac had only parried

from a shot by Milleouris.

Dragan Pupovac had a fine game in goal for the home side and made one particularly good save from the lively David Seal.



DRAGAN PUPOVAC

Seal took a spot kick, which could have given his side a leveler, but Pupovac read it well to deny the youngster.

In the 35th minute Seal did get the equaliser from a very fast breakaway move, but it was Canterbury which made most of the running.

They had Louis Dounis and Oustambasidis putting over a hail of crosses which the other front runners could not convert into goals.

In the 50th minute Peter Benitez did succeed in cashing in on one such Oustambasidis effort, a shot which Kalac could not hold and he put the ball away for what proved to be the winner.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Pupovac, Slavski, Adamou, Dillas (Kalogeras), Hantzis, Radman, Divljak, Benitez, Millesouris, Oustambasidis, Dounis.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, George, Pervan, Popovic, Babic, Hunter, Ricoy, Pillemer (Gomez), Seal, Petkovic, Lamond.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen, Jones, Tredinnick, Boogaard, Maier, Naumov, Ironside, Phillips (Devon), Bailey, Brandt (Krstevski). REFEREE: Chris Smyth.

WOLVES CRASH

WOLLONGONG City crashed for the third match in a row, but will persevere with a very young side, relying on their growing maturity to settle down in the State League in good time despite losing 3-0 to Warringah-Freshwater.

Warringah had Grant Lee putting in his first appearance of the year and after a quiet start, he finished with a superb goal in the dying stages.

Brett Woods and Dom Giannone figured in a good move in the 30th minute leading to Lee's pass for Sam Panetta, which brought up the first goal.

Player-coach Glen Sterrey was out through injury and his team did well to cover his absence at the back. The experienced Woods was injured in a tackle with Sasha Dimsoki, which saw the 15-year-old sent off in the 70th minute.

Alan Dean and Steve Knight got things moving in the 58th minute when they put Robert de Ceglie away and when the midfielder found Panetta wide on the right, the cross was met by Jim McBreen at the far post for a very fine goal.

In the last minute Enneo Morson and Vic Masi were able to work a good move which saw Giannone square the ball for the arrival of Grant Lee, who sent in a 15-metre shot which found the top corner.

Wollongong had some good contributions from Declan McEvoy on the overlap, one of which ended with a shot by that player which brought out a brilliant save from the Warringah 'keeper.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos, McEvoy, Hristovski, Allport, Baggott, Piacentini, Krishna, Higgs, Danzo, Oldridge (Lloyd 60), Dimoski.

WARRINGAH-FRESHWATER: Mikuletic, Woods (Morson 70), Dean, Etherington, Knight, Lee, de Ceglie, Masi, McBreen, Giannone, Panetta (Versi 63).

RESULTS

CONFERENCE A
Sydney Olympic 0 BHP Austral 1 (Krstevski), Rockdale-Ilinden 0 Canberra Croatia 3 (Reis 2 (1 pen), Kulscar), Wollongong City 0 Warringah-Freshwater 3 (Panetta, McBreen, Lee), Sydney Macedonia bye, Marconi v Avala postponed.

CONFERENCE B

Inter-Monaro 1 (Alchin) Polonia 3 (Colusso, Pratt, Nowicki), St George 6 (Poric 2, Freeston, El Ali (pen), Adioski 2) North Shore United 1 (Pierce), Canterbury-Marrickville 2 (Oustambasidis, Benitez) Sydney Croatia 1 (Seal), Blacktown City 1 (McKinn) Sutherland Shire 2 (Bard, Sellar), Wollongong Macedonia bye.

Saints too classy

THE young apprentices from St George had too much class for a plucky North Shore side, missing skipper Craig Bass and prolific scorer Neal Hunter and won comfortably 6-1.

Showing speed and ingenuity St George surprised no-one when they took the lead in the 10th minute.

Adam Poric found a gap through a crowded penalty area, beating Craig Thornton with a low shot into the bottom corner, from 25 metres.

North Shore had chances to score on more than one occasion when Glenn Jeffrey confronted Andrew Prentice, only to chip the ball over the bar each time, from close range.

The team from over the Bridge did get even in the 20th minute, when a neat flick on by Jeffrey was picked up out wide by Wayne Pierce, who placed his shot well past Prentice.

With North Shore fighting hard, they were dealt a body blow in the 42nd when Shawn Freeston headed St George back into the lead following a cross from the right by John Kakakios.

Soon after the restart, when a ball was only partially cleared out of the North Shore defence after an Elias

Augerinos free kick, Poric was quick to pounce and make it 3-1.

The fourth came in the 69th when Zoki Adioski was the victim of a push in the box and Oswaldo El Ali converted from the spot.

Adioski showed a good turn of pace to get past Tony Gough on the right flank and cut in before sliding the ball under the 'keeper for the fifth in the 74th.

Poric and Adioski combined well at the 80th minute, with Adioski getting the ball over the line for the 6-1 scoreline.

A very impressive showing by the youngsters under Dez Marton's care, while for North Shore it was not all gloom.



FIRST DIVISION

COMPILED BY
PAUL GOODWIN

Seventeen-year-old Chris Bradley made a welcome return and another teenager, Ben Callcott, came on late and had a cracker of a shot, bound for the top corner, tipped out by Prentice.

ST GEORGE: Prentice, Hickman (Clanter 62m), Augerinos, Haragli, Milicevic, McGregor (Petrides 86m), Kakakios, El Ali, Freeston, Poric, Adioski.

NORTH SHORE UNITED: Thornton, Nille, Gough (Callcott 75), Pierce, Booth, Bennett, Ferguson (Bradley 28m), Norman, Savidas, Jeffery, Sutherland.

REFEREE: Alex Spirovski.

SENSATIONAL CANBERRA

ROCKDALE-Ilinden might have done better than lose 3-0 to Canberra Croatia had they taken their early chances, but headers from David Segreto and Darren Wilson were not on target, despite good runs by Greg Lerond who, himself, failed to connect with a Peter Willis cross from a free kick in the eighth minute.

After the opening 40 minutes had been scoreless, the Canberra side caught Rockdale out, following a well worked free kick.

Joe Galletti was fed the ball wide by Tony Lemezina and was brought down in the

area by Richard Buchanan after setting sail for goal. Alan Reis netted from the spot kick in the 42nd, although Keith

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Composite Table

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polonia	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Canberra	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Avala	2	2	0	0	7	4	4
Rockdale Ilinden	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Sydney Macedonia	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
Sutherland Shire	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Canterbury	3	2	0	1	6	7	4
Wollongong Mac	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
BHP Austral	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Sydney Croatia	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
North Shore Utd	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
St George	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Warringah	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
Marconi	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Blacktown City	3	0	0	3	3	6	0
Inter Monaro	3	0	0	3	4	8	0
Wollongong City	3	0	0	3	3	9	0
Sydney Olympic	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

U/19

Wollongong Mac	3	3	0	0	5	2	6
Polonia	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Canberra	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
Sydney Croatia	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Wollongong City	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Blacktown City	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
BHP Austral	2	1	1	0	9	7	3
Inter Monaro	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Sydney Macedonia	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Avala	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Warringah	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
St George	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Marconi	2	0	1	1	4	8	1
Canterbury	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
Sutherland Shire	3	0	0	3	3	6	0
North Shore Utd	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Sydney Olympic	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
Rockdale Ilinden	2	0	0	2	1	7	0



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Ambitious Bankstown

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Starting as North Bankstown State League, members of the Bankstown Association's management committee were added and this year a successful amalgamation with Padstow Park Federation club was completed.

This combination has supplied the management and expertise to take the club through the 1990s and beyond.

The club has a very good relationship with

the Association Youth League.

A number of players have been dual-registered with the aim of blooded them prior to entering the State League over the next few years.

It also has a strictly enforced policy of not "buying" players from outside the area but rather allowing all players regardless of where they come from joining the team and becoming Bankstown people.

An excellent example of this is first grade goalkeeper Craig Carlisle, who joined up this year.

The coaching staff at Bankstown include Bruce Tilt and his assistant Glenn Ross.

Both are Bankstown junior products who have played at the highest possible level of the State League and are now returning their experience to the district.

In 1990 the "sister club" arrangement with locally-based First Division team Sydney Macedonia was formed.

This was done with the aim of providing a well ordered progression of Bankstown juniors to the highest possible level without compromising the club's own ambitions.



Craig Carlisle

The 1990 season has started well for Bankstown and the aim is to return to Second Division next year.

Further information is available from president Bret Ephraim on 772 2056 or secretary Liz McNeill on 77 6465.

— from KEN McNEILL

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Warren did a good job to get a hand to the shot.

Croatia went two up soon after the restart when a lob forward by Marcina from about half-way hung in the breeze and George Kulcsar judged its flight best by heading past a surprised Warren, with the other defenders looking on.

Alan Reis got his second and Canberra's third in the 82nd minute when he was on hand to tap in a cross from Lemeza, as the visitors continued their sensational run of success.

ROCKDALE-ILINDEN: Warren, Segreto, Willis, Naumovski, Buchanan, Wilson, Deveridge, Campbell, Markovski, Porter, Lerond.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Zelic, Marcina, Gagetti, Dunn, Young (Juna), Kulcsar, Pratezina, Dukic (Serina), Reis, Lemeza.



Canberra Croatia midfielder Joe Gagetti (dark shirt) is challenged for the ball by Sydney Olympic's Michael Lardis during the NSW State League match at Deakin Oval won 4-1 by the ACT club.

Demons lose again

BY DAVID COOPER

UNBEATEN Sutherland continued on their winning way with a 2-1 victory over a young Blacktown City in a tight game.

when first Woodhouse saved a volley from Lenney and then Nottke denied Gibson at the near post.

After Comerford came close, Blacktown finally got on the



Blacktown's John Gibson

With four players from their under 19 squad in the starting line-up and another two on the bench, the Demons are obviously looking to these players to carry their hopes in the future.

Sutherland struck first when in the 11th minute. Grant Bard received a throughball from Christodoulou, whose 12-metre shot beat the outstretched arms of City goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

The Sharks went further ahead when they received a freekick at the edge of the box. Sellar stepped up and cracked his drive, which took a deflection off Lawrie McKinna which sent Woodhouse the wrong way for an easy passage into the net.

With only minutes to go in the first half, both goalkeepers were called upon to make fine saves

scoresheet in the 66th minute when McKinna scored from the penalty spot after Gunning was pushed out of the way when attempting a goal-bound header.

Blacktown's first chance came when a John Gibson freekick found Geoff Gunning, who forced a good save from Sutherland keeper Nottke.

Blacktown's chances of getting a point from the game were enhanced when John Kosminna was sent off after disputing a decision for which he was booked, but Sutherland held out for another win.

BLACKTOWN: Woodhouse, Bennett, Brockbank (Bourke), Lancan, Connolly, Mason, Gibson, Lees, McKinna, Comerford (Ackerley), Gunning.

SUTHERLAND: Noffke, Sharp, Sellar (Ensore), Terry (Webber), Bliscaya, O'Shea, Christodoulou, Hutcheon, Kosminna (sent off), Bard, Lenney.

Lasek limps to victory as Polonia grabs lead

BY GRAHAM COOKE

POLONIA defender Richard Lasek limped throughout the NSW State League game with Inter Monaro at the Marco Polo Ground on Sunday with his left thigh heavily bandaged — but it did not take long to see why the Sydney club prefers its captain on the field half fit than on the bench.

Lasek was the inspiration behind his team's 3-1 win, more than making up for his lack of mobility by his perfectly placed tackling and organisational ability.

Not that, on the day, he had much to beat, Inter Monaro gave another lackluster display which more than confirmed its supporters' worst fears that this season would be the worst since relegation from the NSL in 1986.

The home side threw away 45 minutes of workmanlike effort in a few seconds of second-half stupidity and a failure of the will required to repair the damage.

The result leaves Monaro anchored at the foot of the competition — pointless after the three games — and on this performance at least, lacking the fortitude to get off the deck and begin the battle back.

Monaro defender Steve Bryant was in action within the first minute, moving quickly to cut out a long ball forward to Marshall Soper.

At the other end, Luche Djordjeski released Njegosh Popovich on the right but his cross went begging.

Polonia went ahead after 22 minutes. Soper sent Jarek Nowicki away and the front runner's pass across the face to goal found the incoming Mark Pratt perfectly placed to score.

Within five minutes the home side had scrambled back into the game.

Tilly Carbone and Frank Daniells combined well to set up Craig Alchin whose cracking drive from the edge of the penalty area gave the Polonia defence no chance.

Soper had the ball in the net four minutes before half time but re-



feree Dave Watson judged there had been a foul on goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski.

There was no such let-off 60 seconds after the interval when a Monaro defence which had left its concentration in the dressing room allowed Nowicki the freedom to hit a low, hard shot past Hoszowski into the corner of the net.

And Nowicki had a hand in his team's third, setting up Dennis Colusso to score after 70 minutes.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Monterosso (Fernandez 55), Alchin, Bryant, Djordjeski, Popovich, Ambrosino, Carbone, Danielle, Giampaolo, Maricic (Chicco 66).

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chau, Thompson, Lasek, Robertson, Kulwicki, Colusso, Pratt (Anderson 72), Soper (Beamers 59), Nowicki, Mojsa.

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SATURDAY JUNE 9

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

BHP Austral v Rockdale Ilinden Austral Park

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Canterbury v North Shore Utd Arlington Oval

DIVISION 2

Auburn Yugal v Orange Waratahs Iona Park
Waverley v Central Coast Waverley Oval

SUNDAY JUNE 10

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Sydney Macedonia v Sydney Olympic Jensen Oval
Canberra Croatia v Wollongong City Deakin Oval
Warringah v Marconi Cromer Park
Avala, bye

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Wollongong Mac v St George Brandon Park
Sutherland Shire v Inter Monaro Seymour Shaw
Sydney Croatia v Blacktown City Croatian Sports C
Polonia, bye

DIVISION 2

Dulwich Hill v Campbelltown Vik Arlington Oval
Auburn Yugal v Fairfield City Mona Park
Gladesville H'by v Southern District Christie Park
Rosebery v Granville Chile E S Marks Field
Orange Waratahs v Mt Druitt Town Waratah Sports Gd
Petersham v Manly Warringah Erskineville Oval

DIVISION 3

Mt Pritchard v Bankstown Mt Pritchard
Concordia v Bathurst 75 Marrickville Oval
Canterbury & Dist v West Wanderers Mackay Park
Cyprus United v Uni of NSW Fraser Park
Hills United v North Ryde RSL Fred Caterson
Lemnos Allstars v Port Hacking Camperdown Oval

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

SOCCER POOLS



THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST WEEK 254 SAT. 9th JUNE, 1990

VICTORIAN LEAGUE	MOORABARK	CAULFIELD CITY	1	
	NORTHCOOTE C.	HEIDELBERG U.	2	
	FRANKSTON P.	MORWELL	3	
	ALBION	BRIX HILL	4	
	THOMASTOWN	ALTONA GATE	5	
	ST. ALBANS	BULLEEN	6	
	RINGWOOD CITY	CROYDON CITY	7	
	BRUNSWICK U.	FAWKNER	8	
	MELB. CITY	GREEN GULLY	9	
	DOVETON	WESTERN SUBS.	10	
VIC. LGE DIV. 1	PT. MELBOURNE	KNOX CITY	11	
	SANDRINGHAM	ESSENDON	12	
	WERRIBEE	BR. MEADOWS	13	
	BELL PK.	COBURG	14	
	WYVERLEY	CLIFTON HILL	15	
	NUNAWADING	SUNBURY UTD.	16	
	RINGWOOD U.	BRIGHTON	17	
	DONCASTER	DOVETON	18	
	CHELSEA	DANDENONG	19	
	KEILOR	BELLONG	20	
	ATHENA	SORRENTO	21	
	KELMSCOTT	BAYSWATER	22	
	BALGA	COCKBURN	23	
	MORLEY	INGLEWOOD	24	
	BASSEDEAN	FREMANLE	25	
	OSBORNE PK.	MELVILLE	26	
	FORRESTFIELD	GOSNELLS	27	
	ROCKINGHAM	WANNEROO	28	
	FERNDAL UTD.	STIRLING T.P.	29	
	SWAN CRAC	EAST PERTH	30	
	ADELAIDE C.	MOODBURY	31	
	CROATIA	WOODVILLE	32	
	WY. BIRKALLA	HELLAS	33	
	PT. ADELAIDE	NTH. PERTH	34	
	SALISBURY	POKORNA	35	
	LION GRANGE	CUMBERLAND	36	
	OLYMPIC	DEWPORT	37	
	DIARNE	GEORGETOWN	38	
RESERVE MATCHES				
	CROATIA	ST. LEONARDS	39	
	SOMERSET	JUVENTUS	40	
	ALTONA CITY	LALOR UTD.	41	
	MOORABARK	CLAYTON	42	
	YARRAVILLE	HOLLAND PK.	43	
	SPRINGVILLE U.	BENTLEIGH	44	
	SEAFOUR UTD.	HEIDELBERG C.	45	
	CLARINDA	ELTHAM UTD.	46	
	MORRISTON	COARO UTD.	47	
	SPRING CONO.	YULLOHRN	48	
	FERN TREE	KARUNGAL	49	
	ROSAUNA	HAWTHORN	50	
	OAKLEIGH SUBS.	EAST BRUNS. U.	51	
	MORELAND PK.	NAMLYN	52	
	PASCOE VALE	BOROMIA	53	
	RESENT	LANGSHURDN	54	
	ASHFIELD	GIRALDTON	55	
	SWAN R.C.	WASTO UTD.	56	
	ALBIONVILLE PK.	WEST YUGAL	57	
	SUBIACO	SWANBYN	58	
	DIAMILLA	NORTH LAKE	59	
	WHITFORD C.	UNIVERSITY	60	
	CANNING	PERTH CITY	61	
	BODRAGON	CHURCH PK.	62	
	CENTRAL DIST.	CAMPBELLTOWN	63	
	EMFIELD C.	ELIZABETH	64	

* W.A. SUPERLEAGUE
† NORTH-TASMANIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1
‡ S.A. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Jackpot this week est \$300,000

MATCH RESULTS WEEK 253

VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	ALTONA GATE	ALBION	1	1-0
	CAULFIELD CITY	NORTHCOOTE C.	2	3-2
	WERRIBEE	WESTGATE	3	1-2
	ESSENDON	PT. MELBOURNE	4	1-1*
	KNOX CITY	DOVETON	5	2-0
	KEILOR	CHELSEA	6	3-0
	DANDENONG	RICHMOND	7	0-0*
	DONCASTER	RINGWOOD U.	8	2-2*
	BRIGHTON	NUNAWADING	9	4-2
	SUNBURY UTD.	WAVERLEY	10	3-2
	CLIFTON HILL	BELL PARK	11	0-0
	ATHENA	KELMSCOTT	12	7-0
	SORRENTO	PERTH ITALIA	13	1-0
	SPEARWOOD	NTH. PERTH	14	4-1
	BALGA	FERNDAL UTD.	15	0-2
	MELVILLE	ROCKINGHAM	16	0-1
	COCKBURN	STIRLING T.P.	17	0-7
	OSBORNE PK.	WANNEROO	18	2-1
	FORRESTFIELD	BASSEDEAN	19	2-0
	SWAN CRAC	INGLEWOOD	20	1-1*
	GOSNELLS	FREMANLE	21	0-4
	MORLEY	EAST PERTH	22	0-1
	HELLAS	SALISBURY	23	2-0
	CUMBERLAND	COLONIA	24	0-3
	AZZURRI	WOODVILLE	25	0-0*
	MODBURY	CROATIA	26	0-2
	LION GRANGE	ADELAIDE C.	27	0-3
	W.T. BIRKALLA	PT. ADELAIDE	28	4-0
	UNIVERSITY	SOUTHS UTD.	29	1-1*
	ST. LEONARDS	BURNIE	30	0-11
	WHITE EAGLES	CROATIA	31	2-2*
	WESTERN SUB.	SOMERSET	32	8-1
	JUVENTUS	LAUNCESTON	33	1-11
	STH. HOBART	CALIES	34	1-0
	HOWRAH	WHITE EAGLES	35	6-2
	KINGBOROUGH	UNIVERSITY	36	0-1
	RAPID	PHOENIX	37	2-2*
	METRO	HOBART CITY	38	1-0

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 4/6/90 — WEEK 253

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED																NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED															
1	26	31	38	16	30	67	35	47	4	5	15	0	11	1	11	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
9	46	56	49	52	46	49	51	45	3	6	10	2	4	5	4	4	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
17	50	47	35	53	48	52	52	48	2	1	13	0	2	1	8	8	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38		
26	48	55	53	62	57	73	53	51	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools																															

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RESULTS OF WEEK 253 SAT 2 JUNE, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$201,671.76
Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 4, 8, 20, 29, 31, 37.
Supplementary Number: 25

Division 1
No winner, jackpot next week
Est. \$300,000.

Division 2
The Prize Pool is \$4,033.45
1 winner.

Division 3
The Prize Pool is \$12,100.80
32 winners of \$378.15ea

Division 4
The Prize Pool is \$30,234.45
1,713 winners of \$17.65ea

Division 5
The Prize Pool is \$24,189.30
2,601 winners of \$9.30ea

VICTORIA

VIC STATE LEAGUE	Heidelberg	18	11	3	4	37	18	25
	Albion	18	10	5	3	25	9	25
	Croydon	18	9	6	3	25	18	24
	Fawkner	18	10	3	5	27	21	23
	Green Gully	18	10	2	6	25	16	22
	Thomastown	18	8	6	4	23	22	22
	B. Juventus	18	8	5	5	27	16	21
	Bulleen	18	8	5	5	28	26	21
	Northcote	18	8	3	7	26	23	19
	Morwell	18	5	8	5	20	16	18
	Caullfield	18	7	4	7	27	18	17
	St Albans	18	5	7	6	20	19	17
	Altona Gate	18	5	7	6	20	19	17
	Melb. JUST	18	4	9	5	18	22	17
	Mooroolbark	18	3	6	9	14	23	12
	Ringwood	18	4	4	10	23	37	12
	Frank Pines	18	1	4	13	9	36	6
	Box Hill	18	0	5	13	12	39	5

VIC DIV ONE	Oakleigh	10	7	2	1	23	11	1
	Westgate	10	6	2	2	22	7	1
	Springvale	10	6	2	2	18	14	14
	Pt Melbourne	10	5	4	1	11	7	14
	Knox City	10	6	2	2	19	16	14
	Doveton	10	6	1	3	14	7	13
	Werribee	10	4	2	4	16	11	10
	Mordialloc	10	4	2	4	9	15	10
	West Suburbs	10	2	4	4	10	12	8
	M. Polonia	10	1	5	5	10	16	7
	Essendon	10	1	5	5	10	16	7
	Nth Geelong	10	2	1	7	13	19	5
	Broadmeadows	10	2	1	7	15	5	5
	Sandringham	10	1	1	8	7	22	3

VIC DIV TWO	Brighton	10	7	1	2	20	15	15
	Bell Park	10	4	6	1	13	7	14
	Doncaster	10	5	3	2	21	15	13
	Clifton Hill	10	5	3	2	11	7	13
	Kellor	9	5	1	3	16	10	11
	Waverley City	10	4	2	4	17	12	10
	Dandenong	10	4	2	4	18	15	10
	Chelsea	10	4	2	4	18	19	10
	Sunbury Utd	10	4	1	5	19	19	9
	Geelong	10	4	1	5	16	9	9
	Nunawading	10	2	4	4	14	20	8
	Coburg	9	3	1	5	10	15	7
	Richmond	10	1	3	6	14	5	5
	Ringwood Utd	10	4	6	10	24	4	4

VIC DIV THREE	Bent Green	10	7	2	1	20	9	16
	Clarinda	10	6	2	2	14	6	14
	Altona City	10	6	2	2	24	19	14
	Holland Park	10	5	2	3	21	12	12
	Corio-Geelong	10	4	2	1	17	12	12
	Seaford	10	6	0	4	21	17	12
	M. bin City	10	4	2	4	11	15	10
	H.berg City	10	2	5	3	7	10	9
	Mornington	10	4	0	6	17	17	8
	Lalor United	10	2	4	4	13	15	8
	EL-D Valley	10	2	3	5	12	14	7
	Clayton	10	1	5	4	12	17	7
	Springvale Utd	10	2	2	6	8	22	6
	Yarraville	10	1	3	6	5	17	5

VIC DIV FOUR	Oakleigh subs	10	7	2	1	24	12	16
	E. Bruns-Ivan	10	6	3	1	20	7	15
	Pascoe Vale	10	6	3	1	24	15	15
	Hawthorn	10	6	2	2	21	7	14
	Regent	10	5	3	2	23	12	13
	S. vale Con.	10	6	1	3	18	7	13
	L. warren	10	4	2	4	11	10	10
	M. Park Rang	10	4	2	4	14	18	10
	Karingal Utd	10	3	3	4	15	20	9
	Ham Ranges	10	2	4	4	8	17	8
	F.T. Gully	10	1	5	4	11	18	7
	Boronia	10	1	3	6	9	23	5
	Yallourn	10	1	1	8	9	24	3
	Rosanna	10	0	2	8	11	29	2

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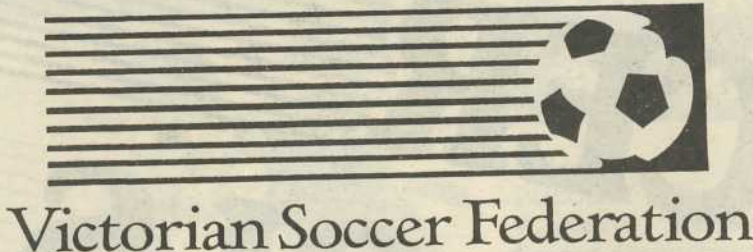
XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	9	8	1	0	22	2	25
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Full Victorian tables next week

We regret due to a technical hitch it was not possible to print all Victorian tables in Australian Soccer Weekly this week.

Missing are all reserve ladders, and two Amateur League divisions.

The problem is temporary one, and the full service for Victorian readers will appear in the next and subsequent issues.



Thriller to Caulfield as Northcote collapses

BY DAVID BULLOCK

A dramatic collapse by Northcote City allowed Caulfield City in for a thrilling 3-2 win in Saturday's 'all-Greek' State Victorian State League derby.

Caulfield clinched the victory in theatrical style, saving the winning goal for the very last minute of a game it never looked like winning in the early going.

An own goal by Karakopoulos three minutes in and a 34th minute Peter Cocker header had Northcote away to a flying 2-0 start with Caulfield's best reply in the early going an effort off the woodwork by Con Pappas.

Pappas ended the game as one of the heroes in the dramatic comeback.

Four minutes from half time he netted from the penalty spot, after Filipou was fouled in the area, to make it 2-1.

Aretis scored from a free kick immediately after the re-start to level at 2-2 and Pappas by now a driving force for Caulfield, set up his side's last-gasp winner, scored by Romero.

Northcote's dismal day was completed with the send-off of Kouremenos when the match was in the balance, some 65 minutes in.

**FAWKNER 1
MORWELL FALCONS 0**

Top four challenger Fawkner managed to bounce back from last week's stunning loss to JUST by knocking off 1989 champion Morwell Falcons 1-0 on Sunday.

With goalkeeper Emil Turudia the sacrificial lamb following the JUST defeat, Fawkner paraded newest signing Zoran Nikitovic in the number one jersey as he made his debut for his new club.

Former NSL champion Nikitovic earned his wage, pulling out three excellent saves to thwart Morwell men Ally Dick, Effie Cassar and Jim McBride during an afternoon when little luck went the way of the reigning title-holder.

Ever-improving Fawkner's best period came in a 25-minute spell just after half time when WA import Cardwell and veteran Lujic produced chances to test Morwell's mettle.

The home team finally struck gold 71 minutes in when Blagojevic floated a freekick in from the right and David Hanna's header beat

Reynolds low to the goalkeeper's right.

**FRANKSTON PINES 0
MELBOURNE JUST 0**

Both Pines and Melbourne JUST laid pre-match claims to a match for the also-rans but neither could successfully come to the party as the pair shared the points in an uninspiring scoreless draw.

JUST, sadly missing young champion Carlos Retre (suspended), might have stitched the points up 11 minutes in when Becvinovski set up Fatoric, with the latter sending his shot spinning wide.

JUST hardly fired a shot after that early foray and Pines proved title better as it produced a predictable display of counter-attacking football.

JUST's fortunes went from bad to worse with 10 minutes left on the clock as Bill Lazopoulos was sent off for an early shower.

**GREEN GULLY 2
THOMASTOWN 1**

Thomastown might well look to its lack of firepower as it went down to Green Gully in the battle for a place on the fringe of the top four on Sunday.

But Gully will look back on this clash with pride on a day which ended in victory despite the odds.

With the score locked at 1-1 Gully was reduced to 10 men in the 51st minute when Kuzman received his marching orders from referee Torben Sorenson for a foul on Curcio.

Three minutes from fulltime Gully had its second man fouled off when Sorenson red-carded Kevin Harrison.

Harrison had been a hero early on, in the 17th minute, sharking Ken Murphy's throw-in and spearing the ball for Daley who made it 1-0.

Dean Hennessey had Thomastown back on terms inside two minutes from a free kick.

But Gully weren't to be denied a remarkable win and struck for an heroic winner with 19 minutes to play as Daley dribbled two Thomastown defenders before getting Harrison away with Harrison crossing for Burlak to belt home Gully's second goal.

**ALTONA GATE 1
ALBION 0**

Altona Gate caused a major upset by defeating League leaders

Albion 1-0 in a dour affair at Paisley Park.

Both teams dominated in defence which left few scoring opportunities in both halves of the game, and this made the clash between the two Western Suburbs clubs a non-event.

With only minutes to go, Altona's Tom Markovski latched on to a pass from Nicovski which he drove home hard to send Albion to their second defeat in the last three matches much to the delight of coach Ljube Jancev.

There is a strong tip that Altona will complete the loan details this week to secure John Markovski for the remainder of the season.

**HEIDELBERG 2
RINGWOOD 1**

Heidelberg had to come from behind to clinch the two points, as they continue their challenge for the State League title.

Ringwood's captain/coach John Corvan put the visitors ahead in the first half, when he got on the end of a long throw-in to put the ball past Heidelberg keeper Jeff Olver.

Heidelberg replied on the half hour when Paul Lewis, the League's leading scorer, collected a pass from John Kane-soulis to rifle it past Glenn Clarke in the Ringwood goal.

Heidelberg dominated the remainder of the first half and missed several easy scoring opportunities.

Stuart Stevenson made sure of a Heidelberg victory when he plowed his low hard shot in the left hand corner mid-way through the second half.

**BOX HILL 0
ST ALBANS 0**

Box Hill and St Albans fought out a boring draw.

The home side created the best opportunities which proved fruitless, the defence closed down all St Albans forward thrusts and as the game wore on, the visitors were content and happy to escape with a draw.

Box Hill remains without a win this season, while St Albans will have to keep on getting favourable results to remain in the League.

**BULLEEN 1
MOOROOLBARK 1**

Bulleen fielded new goalkeeper Maurice Raponi, recently signed

from Thomastown who played a major part in securing a share of the points against a tenacious Mooroolbark.

Both teams were content to defend in the first half with no real scoring opportunities presented.

Two minutes into the second half, Bulleen took the lead when Anthony Grbac curled his free kick around the wall into the top left hand corner, leaving Mooroolbark keeper Les Long without a chance.

Graham French had a few opportunities to get Mooroolbark back on equal terms, but it was left to three minutes from time, when a set piece played into the middle of the park was met by Rob Kincade, whose resulting left foot shot flew past Raponi in the Bulleen goal.

**CROYDON CITY 1
BRUNSWICK JUVE 1**

Both teams gave an enthralling exhibition which saw both goals scored in a three-minute flurry after half time.

Croydon and Juventus played great end to end soccer in the first half, with the best opportunity coming from Charlie Egan in the 21st minute, his well stuck shot was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Croydon keeper John McKinlay.

Within a minute of the restart after half time, Martin Woodall floated in a corner kick from the right, for Steve Smith to out jump the Croydon defence a head home, not to be outdone, Croydon equalised within two minutes when McMillian caught the Brunswick defence napping, to head home the goal past a distraught Peter Laumens.

Both teams continued to attack, Steve Smith had a couple of chances to get back the lead, while McMillian also came close to scoring his second of the afternoon.

In the end it was a fitting result that pleased the two sides.

LEADING SCORERS:

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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JOHN MARKOVSKI — headed to Altona Gate as a guest player?

wood v Croydon, B. Juventus v Fawkner, Melb. JUST v Green Gully.

Monday: Caulfield v St Albans, Heidelberg v Mooroolbark, Croydon v Northcote, B. Juventus v F. Pines, Green Gully v Morwell, Bulleen v Albion, Box Hill v Altona Gate, Melb. JUST v Thomastown, Ringwood v Fawkner.

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Kimon Taliadoros — Golden Goals man

WRITES GREG BLAKE

THERE was the school of thought, on the night, which suggested the goal which secured Kimon Taliadoros the 1989/90 'Golden Goal' award, wasn't deserving of such an honour.

But of the half dozen goals John Kosmina had to select from, there is no doubt that big Kimon's effort against Sydney Olympic was the best TEAM goal.

Few at the recent NSL awards night in Adelaide would dispute that.

And it is just that team aspect of South Melbourne circa 1990 which has not only won Taliadoros the golden goal, but it might just be saving the career of a young man on whose broad shoulders the weight of the world seemed to resting on just a couple of weeks ago.

Taliadoros arrived as a player in season 1989/90 — of that there can be no doubt.

But for the erratically talented youngster of 1988 and 1989 who blossomed this season, the season ended on a dramatic and confidence-sapping note.

A poorly struck penalty in the shoot-out against Melbourne Croatia cost his club the major semi-final and one week later, with his confidence at an all-time low, he missed a succession of early chances and Hellas were knocked out of the finals series by Olympic.

Taliadoros had let

himself and his team down — and he knew it.

The last straw might have been being ostracised by his equally as disappointed team mates.

But true to their reputation as being the closest team off the field in the NSL, that situation never occurred.



"The team is too close to let anything like that to happen," says pint-sized co-striker Peter Tsolakis.

"There was no way we could blame Kimon for what happened.

"He took it hard but everyone was to blame for what happened in



have haunted him ever since.

Possibly he has been harder on himself than any other individual might have been.

"It's difficult to say (what went wrong)," he explained.

"I went out with a positive attitude in both games but in the end I let myself down with a lack of concentration.

"All I can do is try to make up for that in future seasons."

Golden Goal judge

John Kosmina rates Taliadoros highly on his list of current, talented young NSL stars.

He sums up the late-season nightmare of the Souths star as only Kosmina can.

"With his problems in the final he probably learned a very hard lesson," says the former Socceroo champion.

"He probably just got a little too big for his boots."

But 'Kosi' says Taliadoros has a number of attributes which mark him as a player to watch as he fully matures.

"What I didn't mention when I presented the award was that I've seen Kimon do that sort of thing on a number of occasions and he's either scored or gone close," he said of his choice.

"Consistency is important in a striker's game and I think Kimon deserved the award.

"For a kid his age he showed a lot of composure in front of goals."

Taliadoros is now glad to have a double-figure season behind him as he sets himself for the 1990/91 campaign.

"I just hope I can benefit from the lessons I learned in a positive way and come back next season as a more competent player," he told ASW.

"As for South Melbourne, we have a very good side and I just hope we can do what has been expected of us for some years now."

the finals."

Taliadoros is now expected to be selected in the 'squad' of club players leaving soon on an end-of-season sojourn to Hawaii where, no doubt, legends will be born.

And big Kimon is forever grateful for his chance to remain a part of the Hellas family.

"The thing with South Melbourne is that team-work has been stressed all year, both on and off the field," says Taliadoros.

"We won and we lost as a team all year and the guys were no different to me after those finals games.

"I was delighted to receive the golden goal award but it's no compensation for what happened (during the finals).

"The final results disappointed me not only on a personal level but also the effect it had on the club.

"All I can do now is hope to improve next year and keep on improving for the benefit of the club.

"I owe them that much."

Taliadoros' recollections of the finals misses

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Another special Vic meeting on this week

BY GREG BLAKE

VICTORIA is set for its second Special General Meeting in six weeks on June 7, when clubs again meet to vote on two proposed changes to constitutional rules.

The two changes involve parity of voting rights between Victorian League clubs and the more senior State League and NSL clubs and the proposed state 'Super League.'

Both motions, as they are drafted, were defeated at a Special General Meeting in April but four clubs instigated the moves for

a second vote on June 7.

On the question of voting rights of member clubs upon special resolutions, the changes call for equal voting rights for both senior and Victorian League clubs regardless of the make-up of the competitions in the future.

[The Victorian State League must be reorganised into a creditable competition, allowing a lesser number of clubs and a high class of football. Control must rest with a strong board and the leading clubs. Until that happens Victoria cannot reach the heights that it must do to be a successful State — Ed]

Vale, David Jack



FORMER Sydney Sun journalist and Australian Soccer Weekly editor David Jack passed away last Friday in hospital in Sydney after a short illness at the age of 64.

He took ill at his Sussex Inlet home, after enjoying a game of tennis just two weeks ago. David Jack arrived in Sydney from England in 1967.

He had been a respected sporting journalist with the Manchester Guardian, Daily Express, the Empire News, Sunday Dispatch, Daily Sketch and News of the World.

His period with The Sun led Australian Soccer Federation chairman John Constantine to say: "David Jack's death is a very sad occasion for us."

"He was regarded as an institution in the reporting of the game."

"We express our deep condolences to his wife Rose and their family."

Sir Arthur George, the former ASF chief, said: "David Jack was an outstanding identity in the game all the years I was in the chair."

"His loss is a blow to soccer and to sport generally."

At The Sun he served under four sporting editors, Con Simons, Ian Arnold, John Benaud and Bill Casey.

Bill Casey said: "He was a fine family man who loved his soccer. He could write any sport that came his way."

Amongst the many contacted by ASW was 1974 World Cup coach Rale Rasic, who said: "This man gave everything to the cause of Australian soccer at top level."

The David Jack name came from his father, who appeared for England and was a vital part of the famous Arsenal sides that were amongst the world's best in the early thirties.

The funeral took place yesterday at St John the Baptist Catholic Church at Harbord.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Meeting Maradona



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Diego looked a picture of health — trim, taut, terrific.

Smaller even than television has us believe.

Bi-Centennial Gold Cup friends like Carlos Pachame, the assistant coach, with whom I developed a close friendship, greet the Australians and invite us to the Argentine camp that same afternoon for their training session.

We are over the moon — a scoop for SBS in our very first minutes in Rome.

Coach Carlos Bilardo's love-hate relationship with the media does not extend to Australians, we think.

Hurried arrangements see us scurry two hours across town to AS Roma's superb training headquarters some 20 kilometres out of the

city and where the Argentines, and their wives and girl friends, are based for Italia '90.

Training, Pachame told me, kicked off at 5.30pm.

Disappointment when we arrive as there are about 200 other media personnel there too. So much for a scoop!

Still, we were about to see the world champions train, perhaps a few words with Diego; still not a bad start to Italia '90 for us.

At 5.30 sharp we are ushered through security.

Argentine associates point out Maradona's bright red Ferrari and wife Claudia's white Mercedes sports car parked in the players' parking lot.

We are privileged to be there the South American media men tell us as the Argentine headquarters are open for the non-Argentine media for one training session every three days only.

Camera crews, photographers, journalists, radio reporters from Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina and Australia wait in anticipation for the team appearing.

It is 5.35pm. At 6pm, after cameras have been checked, introductions done by the respective presenters, the waiting becomes frustrating.

By 6.30pm it is annoying.

Bilardo's way of paying the media back, we all think.

Finally, at 6.45pm, Professor Echevarria appears with cones and balls and sets out a training drill on the lush main field which is guarded by security men and police.

Shouldn't be long now before the great one appears.

Not so. In fact, it is 7.45pm before the first player appears, some

two hours and 15 minutes after the scheduled training time.

The world champions emerge in pecking order — the younger, lesser known and many unrecognisable newcomers first.

Then the better known Pumpido, Buruchaga, Ruggeri, Battista.

But still no Maradona or Bilardo.

The rest start to warm up for 15 minutes before Bilardo appears and takes the goalkeepers to another ground for specialist training.

Still no Diego. Will he train? Will he at least make an appearance?

The rumour spreads he will not train as he is suffering from ingrown toe nails on both feet.

All this time waiting, travelling and maybe we won't see him after all, let alone get that scoop.

A police helicopter swoops over the complex several times, reviving hopes that Maradona will train.

Then at 8.15pm, some two and a three quarters hours after the official training time, the great man emerges.

He is swamped by the media, pushing them aside with 'despues, despues...after training I will talk'.

He moves centimetres in front of us overwhelmed Aussies, again reinforcing the earlier impression of his small stature and fantastic fitness.

He is also in pain, almost in tears, confirming the report that he was suffering from toenail problems.

He joins his team-mates already some 30 minutes into their basic physical training session — without ball.

Minutes later he comes off the field in agony to the bench where Dr Raul Madero, the former Estudiantes star who was in Australia for

the Gold Cup, comforts him right in front of our cameras.

Our Italian soundman crawls along the sideline and thrusts the boom under the bench, almost in Diego's mouth.

He is pushed away unceremoniously, denying SBS the 'scoop' of what the doctor said to Maradona.

Ten minutes later he rejoins the training, limping, sprinting, crying out in agony after each series of sprints.

Not a media eye leaves him.

Is he badly hurt, do we get our world scoop after all or is he just playing to the media, living up to his name of Primadonna?

He survives, the training is over before Diego gets going.

The lesser lights disappear to the privacy of their quarters almost relieved to be out of the limelight.

Diego stays with his better known team-mates.

It is only then that the balls arrive.

It is only then that I felt we saw the real Diego.

The final phase of the 'training' is a light-hearted competition as the players pair off, two in goal, the other pairs competing for a series of right and left sided crosses.

The aim is to score. Once you score, your 'team' goes in goal.

It is great fun, with some unbelievable shots, headers, volleys and horse play.

Maradona, in particular, entertains with a series of fabulous air-born volleys, cannon-like left footed goals, but all too soon it's over — the rest disappear and Diego stays for the media to finally have their moment.

In fact, all of 15 minutes as he answers the machine gun-like questions with patience.

The it's the turn of handicapped kids for a photo session, kisses and hugs from the great man.

Then he too is off, some 40 minutes after the rest of the Argentine squad.

In many respects SBS got their scoop.

We captured many aspects of the fabulous Diego.

And despite the wait, it was an unforgettable experience.

JOHNNY WARREN COVERS THE WORLD CUP

Watch out for the magic of Telebeam!

SBS Television's exclusive coverage of the 1990 World Cup will feature one of the most exciting technological advances in the coverage of live sporting events — TELEBEAM.

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SBS Radio will be presenting interviews with World Cup stars from various venues in Italy. The questions will be put by Tony Palumbo and the answers translated into seven different languages. This is Palumbo's fourth World Cup — he reported from West Germany, Spain and Mexico, and in addition covered the 1988 European Championships from West Germany.

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SBS-TV's Big Three



SBS-TV's World Cup Big Three, from left to right, "Mr Italia '90, Les Murray, Andy Paschalidis, who will host the live telecasts from the Sydney studio, and ASW's John Warren, who joins Les Murray as a presenter in Italy.

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1650 Argentina/Cameroun (rpt)

★ Every day — apart from rest days — between June 9 and July 9 SBS-TV will broadcast a 90-minute prime time programme beginning at 7pm after the World News. Entitled LEGAL AND GENERAL WORLD CUP ACTION, it will include highlights of the day's matches as well as news, profiles of teams and players, next day's match previews and colour pieces from Italy. It will not be just a soccer highlights programme — it will be Italy at the time of its major sporting event since the 1960 Rome Olympics. ★

DAY 2 SUNDAY, JUNE 10

0030 United Arab Emirates/Colombia
0250 USSR/Romania (delayed)
0500 Italy/Austria
1330 USSR/Romania (rpt)
1510 U.A.E./Colombia (rpt)
1650 Italy/Austria (rpt)

DAY 3 MONDAY, JUNE 11

0030 USA/Czechoslovakia
0445 W. Germany/Yugoslavia
0700 Brazil/Sweden (delayed)
1330 USA/Czechoslovakia (rpt)
1510 W. Germany/Yugoslavia (rpt)
1650 Brazil/Sweden (rpt)

DAY 4 TUESDAY, JUNE 12

0030 Costa Rica/Scotland
0445 England/Republic of Ireland
1510 Costa Rica/Scotland (rpt)
1650 England/Rep of Ireland (rpt)

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

0030 Belgium/Sth Korea
0445 Holland/Egypt
1510 Belgium/Sth Korea (rpt)
1650 Holland/Egypt (rpt)

DAY 6 THURSDAY, JUNE 14

0030 Uruguay/Spain
0445 Argentina/USSR
1510 Uruguay/Spain (rpt)
1650 Argentina/USSR (rpt)

DAY 7 FRIDAY, JUNE 15

0030 Yugoslavia/Colombia
0250 Cameroun/Romania (delayed)
0445 Italy/USA
1330 Yugoslavia/Colombia (rpt)
1510 Cameroun/Romania (rpt)
1650 Italy/USA (rpt)

DAY 8 SATURDAY, JUNE 16

0030 Austria/Czechoslovakia
0445 W. Germany/United Arab Emirates
1510 Austria/Czechoslovakia (rpt)
1650 W. Germany/UAE (rpt)

DAY 9 SUNDAY, JUNE 17

0030 Brazil/Costa Rica
0445 England/Holland
0700 Sweden/Scotland (delayed)
1330 Brazil/Costa Rica (rpt)
1510 England/Holland (rpt)
1650 Sweden/Scotland (rpt)

DAY 10 MONDAY, JUNE 18

0030 Republic of Ireland/Egypt
0445 Belgium/Uruguay
0700 Sth Korea/Spain (delayed)
1330 Rep of Ireland/Egypt (rpt)
1510 Belgium/Uruguay (rpt)
1650 Sth Korea/Spain (rpt)

DAY 11 TUESDAY, JUNE 19

0430 Argentina/Romania
0700 Cameroun/USSR (delayed)
1510 Argentina/Romania (rpt)
1650 Cameroun/USSR (rpt)

DAY 12 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

0030 Yugoslavia/United Arab Emirates
0250 W. Germany/Colombia (delayed)
0445 Italy/Czechoslovakia
0700 Austria/USA (delayed)
1150 W. Germany/Colombia (rpt)
1330 Yugoslavia/UAE (rpt)
1510 Italy/Czechoslovakia (rpt)
1650 Austria/USA (rpt)

DAY 13 THURSDAY, JUNE 21

0430 Brazil/Scotland
0700 Sweden/Costa Rica (delayed)
1510 Brazil/Scotland (rpt)
1650 Sweden/Costa Rica (rpt)

DAY 14 FRIDAY, JUNE 22

0030 Belgium/Spain
0250 Sth Korea/Uruguay (delayed)
0445 England/Egypt
0700 Rep of Ireland/Holland (delayed)
1150 Belgium/Spain (rpt)
1330 Sth Korea/Uruguay (rpt)
1510 England/Egypt (rpt)
1650 Rep of Ireland/Holland (rpt)

DAY 15 SATURDAY, JUNE 23

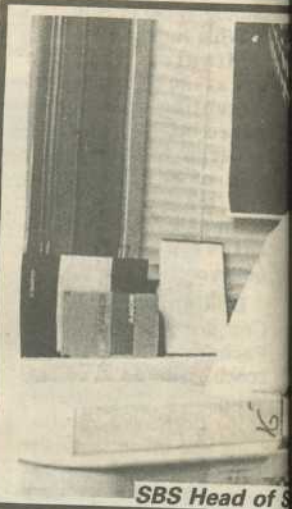
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DAY 16 SUNDAY, JUNE 24

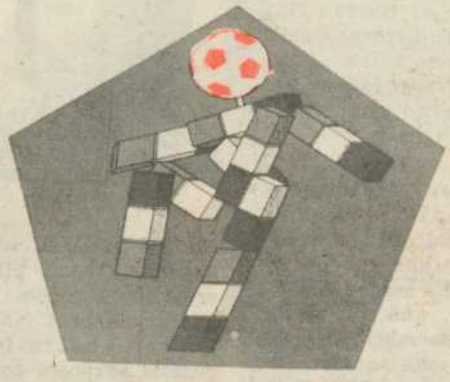
0030 Eighth Finals
0445 Eighth Finals
1510 Eighth Finals (rpt)
1650 Eighth Finals (rpt)



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DAY 17 MONDAY, JUNE 25

0030 Eighth Finals
0445 Eighth Finals
1510 Eighth Finals (rpt)
1650 Eighth Finals (rpt)



DAY 18 TUESDAY, JUNE 26

0030 Eighth Finals
0445 Eighth Finals
1510 Eighth Finals (rpt)
1650 Eighth Finals (rpt)

DAY 19 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

0030 Eighth Finals
0445 Eighth Finals
1510 Eighth Finals (rpt)
1650 Eighth Finals (rpt)

DAY 20 THURSDAY, JUNE 28

REST DAY

DAY 21 FRIDAY, JUNE 29

REST DAY

DAY 22 SATURDAY, JUNE 30

REST DAY

DAY 23 SUNDAY, JULY 1

0030 Quarter Finals
0445 Quarter Finals
1510 Quarter Finals (rpt)
1650 Quarter Finals (rpt)

DAY 24 MONDAY, JULY 2

0030 Quarter Finals
0445 Quarter Finals
1510 Quarter Finals (rpt)
1650 Quarter Finals (rpt)

DAY 25 TUESDAY, JULY 3

REST DAY

DAY 26 WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

0330 Semi Finals
1650 Semi Finals (rpt)

DAY 27 THURSDAY, JULY 5

0330 Semi Finals
1650 Semi Finals (rpt)

DAY 28 FRIDAY, JULY 6

REST DAY

DAY 29 SATURDAY, JULY 7

REST DAY

DAY 30 SUNDAY, JULY 8

0330 3rd/4th Place Playoff
1650 3rd/4th Place Playoff (rpt)

DAY 31 MONDAY, JULY 9

0330 FINAL
0630 Final (replay)
1900 Final (replay)

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One man CAN make a huge difference!

BY FRANK SCICULNA

THE old adage about football being a team game certainly carries a lot of truth but there have been a couple of perfect examples this year which proved that the difference between failure and success can often depend on the brilliance of one individual.

There can be more than a little doubt

whether Italian champions Napoli could have taken the title without the genius of Diego Maradona.

European champions AC Milan, on the other hand — great team as it is — failed to win the Italian league after Ruud Gullit's injury kept him out for almost the entire season.

And on the local front, Marconi were unable to complete a historic grand final-winning hat-trick without

the services of super-striker Zlatko Nastevski.

Debates can rage indefinitely as to the degree of difference these players would have made to their respective teams' chances. All sorts of suppositions can be raised regarding the various circumstances.

The undisputable fact remains, however, that without Gullit and Nastevski their clubs had to be content with a runner-up position.

In the case of Nastevski, I'll even venture to say that if it wasn't for his brilliance, Marconi would have been hard pressed to take out either of their previous titles.

That's not saying that he was a one-man team — far from it. Marconi has a huge array of talent surrounding their elegant striker, but he did provide that vital spark which tipped the scales in their favour when it really mattered.

Who can forget Nastevski's two extra-time goals which carried Marconi home in the elimination semi-final against Sydney Olympic in 1988? Or his defence-splitting 30-metre pass which forced a penalty on Frank Farina in the dying seconds of extra-time and send the grand final into that dramatic shoot-out against Sydney Croatia?

Nastevski not only kept his nerve to save the game with his spot kick, he also successfully converted his penalty in the sudden death contest when failure would have given the title to Croatia.

Would Marconi have won the championship that year without him? Who can say with certainty, but I very much doubt it.

Nastevski repeated his effort in the following season's finals. His 20 goals broke the club's scoring record and helped Marconi to an easy minor premiership victory.

When it came to the important finals matches, it was Nastevski again who gave his team that vital edge.

After heading the only goal in the semi-final defeat of St George, he saved his depleted side from struggling through another half hour of extra-time with a winner in the dying seconds of the match.

The question has to be asked again: would Marconi have done it without him? Who knows?

Former Socceroo supremo Frank Arok said at the time that Nastevski was the only difference between Marconi and the rest of the NSL field.

Which brings us to this year's surrender of the championship — and the fulfilment of Arok's prophecy.



Zlatko Nastevski

The Fairfielders were doing it easy after 11 rounds and Nastevski was right on target to set a new NSL goalscoring record, but it's fair to say that after his knee injury in his Socceroo debut, Marconi never again showed that aura of dominance which had previously been carried.

Despite a few hiccups along the way there was still enough talent in the side to see it through to another minor premiership.

When the crucial semi-finals came around, however, the absence of Nastevski finally took its toll.

A late goal in a lacklustre defeat of Melbourne Croatia earned a third successive grand final appearance but the historic hat-trick was not destined to be completed.

Sydney Olympic thoroughly deserved its 2-0 victory and it can be no more than pure conjecture to wonder what the outcome would have been had Nastevski been available.

Irrespective of the undeniable talent which has brought so much success to Bossley Park recently, the imagination does not need to be stretched too far to make one wonder whether the course of history could have taken an entirely different direction.

Without the inspired exploits of Nastevski, Sydney Croatia would well have gone into the record books as the 1988 NSL champions while Olympic could now be possibly celebrating back-to-back titles.

Football honours can never be won single-handedly, but the likes of Maradona, Gullit and Nastevski have all shown conclusive evidence that one brilliant individual can very often bridge that narrow gap which exists between failure and success.

Chit Chat ...

ALAN BOURKE, the North Shore NSW State League coach, has recently set up home at Bateau Bay on the Central Coast. He lives a few streets away from former star Socceroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy.

★★★

Former Melbourne City JUST coaching 'legend' Drago Sekularac has just completed a unique double. 'Seki', who will always be remembered as the only man to take the club into an NSL finals series, has just coached Red Star Belgrade to both cup and championship honours in Yugoslavia. Sekularac also won league and cup honours in the same season with the same club as a player nearly 20 years ago.

★★★

Former NSL giant Heidelberg, despite its charge for top place on the Victorian State League table, is still facing troubled times.

Heidelberg's huge debts have left players up to six weeks behind in player payments and the squad has been asked to take pay cuts.

A pre-season \$500,000-plus debt and a run of only six home games in the first 17 rounds of the league has left the Bergers struggling.

"We had seven months of no gates income when we had to build and train the squad for what was supposed to be a Victorian super league," said treasurer Aris Konstantinidis.

"We are now trying to steady the boat and get the club back into the NSL. We've had an open meeting with the players and they have been very understanding about our situation."

★★★

It appears that Josip Babic is set for a fine coaching career in this country if early results are any indication.

Babic, who has combined duties as coach of Victorian State League club St Albans and the youth team of Melbourne Croatia for the past five weeks, scored a double success on grand final weekend.

Despite the reservations about letting him go to Sydney with the Croatia youth team for the grand final, St Albans allowed Babic a weekend off from State League duties to help the Melbourne youth team in its national play-off with Apia.

Croatia got up against the odds to snare the national youth title and at the same time St Albans didn't let Babic down by beating league leader Albion 1-0.

★★★



MOYNA DODD

MOYNA DODD, well known interstate player, is now a member of the important NSW Soccer Federation general purposes committee. She earlier represented South Australia, but has a position as a solicitor with a leading legal firm. In football she is turning out with North Ryde RSL in the NSW Women's Soccer League.

★★★

One high-ranking Melbourne official has given Sydney the ultimate accolade.

He conceded, in private of course, that Sydney's grand final promotion was "first class" and that he doubted Melbourne could have come close to emulating the feat.

He also conceded that there was "little chance" of Melbourne getting close to the new record 26,000-plus crowd which turned out at the Paramatta Stadium on the big day.

"We would have been pushing to even get 20,000," he admitted.

★★★

Two English players are seeking contracts in Australia. One is

Alan Evans 33, a defender who played for Dunfermline Aston Villa (1977-89) and Leicester City (1989-90). He can be contacted at Jada, Coppice Lane, Middleton, Staffordshire, England — phone 021 308 7252. The other is Martin Butler, a striker or right winger aged 24. He had six years at York and then joined Scarborough. His address is 45 Whitethorne Close, Huntington, Yorks, England, telephone 0904 638 667.

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JOY for Canterbury Marrickville Olympic. Expected today from Greece are two internationals. They are sweeper Chris Koutropoulos and midfielder, George Kapouranis, both from the Panionios First Division club.

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Fan clubs

I am a young enthusiastic soccer player who watches many games on television from England and Australia.

I am a keen supporter of both and would like very much to get a hold of the addresses of the fan clubs based in Australia. Could you help me with just Leeds United and the Melita Eagles?

Michael Spencer

Lismore 2480

[Melita Eagles SFC, PO Box 187 Granville NSW 2142, Leeds United, Supporters Club, Fullerton Park, Elland Rd, Leeds LS11 OES, England. Contact with other NSL club, NSL 23/25 Frederick St, Rockdale NSW 2216.]

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NSL AWARDS AT ADELAIDE'S HYATT REGENCY



Chief executive of the Victorian Health Foundation, Rhonda Galbally, with former FIFA referee Don Campbell, at the presentation to 1989/90 Referee of the Year, John Santa Isabel.



Accepting the Warren Medal for Player of the Year on behalf of Zeljko Adzic is Melbourne Croatia president Joe Duzel. L to R: John Bell (ABC TV), Minister Ros Kelly, John Warren, Peter Gee (ABC TV).



Ros Kelly, Minister for Sport and Recreation, Environment, Tourism at the Territories, snapped in a quiet moment at the function.



Berti Mariani after receiving his trophy as back-to-back NSL coach of the year.

Quit



ASF chairman John Constantine addresses the assembled guests. He was foundation president of the Australian champion club, Sydney Olympic. At left: Olympic president George Paschalis. At right: ABC-TV presenter, John Bell.



Kimon Taliadoros, winner of the ABC-TV Golden Goals Award for the 1989/90 season.



John Santa Isabel, Referee of the Year, says a few well chosen words.



ASW SPECIAL PIX



David Seal (left) of Sydney Croatia, the Top Goalscorer of the Year with Peter Gee (ABC TV).

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCENE

with Alan Clark

FORMER Adelaide City legend Dixie Deans has recommended a young Scottish striker to his old NSL club. City is now negotiating to bring out the unnamed youngster who played with Motherwell. Hellas also is keen to attract a Scot and has made contact with some likely lads through sources in Scotland.

TEENAGE Hellas goalkeeper George Karamalis in one player whom SA officials have the highest regard for. He is sidelined with a broken finger but hopefully it will be fixed in time for the July under 15 national titles.

TENDERS have been closed for the new floodlighting at Hindmarsh Stadium. "The relevant Government bodies now will peruse the tenders and an announcement on the successful one is expected in the next fortnight," said SA Soccer Federation chairman Alex Cichanowski. The floodlighting update is the first phase in the redevelopment which should put Hindmarsh among the premier grounds in Australia.

SECOND Division Seaford, after a disappointing start, has rallied with the return of evergreens Steve Caggiano and Peter Herd. They have made a tremendous difference to the young side and have played well

in the past four games.

CAMPBELLTOWN coach Jimmy Campbell has been rocked by two top players unlikely to be available for the rest of the season. Club captain Mario Boffa's injured knee looks likely to force him out and striker Sergio Giannone has indicated other commitments will prevent him from playing this year. Chunky Djuro Arezina also in hampered with a groin injury that is likely to curtail his playing. Campbell, too, received the rough end of the stick over Tony Vidmar playing with Omonia. Vidmar scored the only goal of the game against the Red Devils and now will not be available to play any more loan games in the Second Division this year.

THE Foxes of Cumberland have a new look. They played against Adelaide City in splendid new green and gold striped shirts. Don't know what the Bailey Reserve traditionalists thought but any move from the chocolate has to be an improvement.

SECOND Division Para Hills have a James Bond link. They have signed Ian Fleming, a striker from Colne Legion in England. Writer Ian Fleming, of course, was the creator of James Bond. Star midfielder Robert Marwe had a weekend to remember recently.

He scored two goals to give Para victory on the Saturday and wife Carmel presented him with their third child the next day.

BRAVE Bradley Evans has received another soccer boost in his attempt to beat leukemia. Bradley won the hearts of SA fans last year when it was revealed how soccer was helping him fight his adversity. Chemotherapy, character and courage have seen him battle back and now he has been rewarded with the posi-

tion of sweeper in the Elizabeth and District squad for the under 13 state titles this month.

CROATIA and Salisbury wrapped up West End Premier Cup quarter-final spots with wins over Second Division opponents. Croatia missed a sackful of chances before downing Elizabeth with a George Konstandopoulos goal. Scores from Bryn Acton (2), Robertson, Agostino and Mottram earned the Berries a 5-0 win over Seaford.

ACT Futsal players in touring squads

ACT Futsal players have had their most successful year to date in gaining selection to Australian teams, with more than 40 players named either in the squads or as reserves.

The full list is: Open-age women, Airene Sein; 20-year men: Luis Alarcon; 20-year women, Tanya Pinto, Lisa Bamford.

17-year women, Vicky Manson, Joanne Connors, Angela Chesworth, Tania Chesworth, Vahn Manthong-sy, Emily Lancsar, Katrina Rolls, Tiann Pumpa, Karly Pumpa, Michelle Longmore.

15-year girls, Tracy Carr, Lyndall Bensley, Nina Matic, Nicole Ward, Kirstie Rayner.

Lancsar; 17-year boys, Con Kampas, Andrew Wallace, Simon Aitchison, George Alarcon.

16-year boys, Joe Unwin, Elliot Zwangoban, Simon Bohm.

15-year boys, Michael Greentree, Tim Bohm, Michael McCone, Brendon Bishop.

14-year boys, Leo Langone, Nathan Hart, Robbie Rice, Scott Conlon.

Reserves, Jimmy Carr, Matthew Perry; 13-year boys, Stuart Wallace, Richard Neal, Steve Richards; 12-year boys, Joel Curtis, reserves, Marc Conlon, Scott Manson.

Players selected will play international opposition including Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Canada, New Zealand and Brazil, mostly in November and December.



An aerial battle between Adelaide Hellas (dark shorts) and Sydney Croatia at Hindmarsh Stadium — Pic: JANUSZ KAMMA.

Coach Tom Sermanni hangs up his boots

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia coach Tom Sermanni has announced his retirement from playing.

"I decided to give the game away after representing the ACT

against Charlton Athletic," Sermanni, 36 in July, says.

"It's always been my wish to go out while I was still playing at the top — and I couldn't think of a better way than in a team that gets a draw with an English First Division side.

"The thing that has impressed me most over the last few weeks is how well Canberra Croatia is playing without me. The lads really don't need me any more."

Sermanni says the club knows and respects his wishes.

"They have left it up to me — and I really think they prefer me being able to concentrate on coaching."

The six season Canberra veteran says he still enjoys playing but training to the required level is becoming more and more of a chore.

"I will be keeping myself fit — and if the team has a horrendous run of injuries or loss of form then of course I will have to reconsider — but apart from that I will be on the sidelines from now on."

Sermanni joined the then Canberra Arrows from Marconi at the beginning of 1984, having previously played professionally in Scotland and England.

A stylish midfielder who reads the game to perfection, he proved to be worth every cent

Canberra Jottings

CANBERRA referees were well represented in the Quit National Soccer League finals series, with no fewer than eight appointments being made: Mark Williamson and Neil Murray were linesmen in the Sydney semi-final; Mark Williamson was on the line for the preliminary final; the National Youth League northern final had Eric Van Der Vlist and Gordon Dunster as its two linesmen while the NYL grand final saw Van Der Vlist and Bill Simeonovic on the line with Dave Watson as the fourth official.

LONG time Canberra soccer supporter and administrator Con Poulos had a fixture of another kind to attend on a recent weekend — his daughter, Tania, was married to Tom Vlahos. Many people connected with the sport will wish the couple well.

ORGANISERS of Canberra's World Cup Ball report an enthusiastic initial response with 100 acceptances so far. Organising committee chairman Jock Coulter is negotiating with the Australian Club to hold the event late next month. Further information can be obtained from Coulter on 231 8107 (ah).

"IF that side couldn't play in the Quit National Soccer League, I don't know which could. The sooner we get the NSL back into Canberra the better." ACT coach Steve Darby after his team had drawn 1-1 with touring English club Charlton Athletic.

— GRAHAM COOKE

ACT									
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Belconnen U.	7	5	1	1	7	8	11		
CC Concordia	7	5	1	1	14	9	11		
Juventus	7	4	2	1	20	7	10		
Tuggeranong U.	7	3	3	1	13	8	9		
University of Can.	7	1	4	2	16	16	6		
Canberra Croatia	7	3	0	4	15	16	6		
Western Creek	7	1	1	5	10	16	3		
Defence Academy	7	0	0	7	5	30	0		

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of his \$10,000 transfer fee, missing only two games in the next six seasons, which also included two spells as player-coach.

By the end of last year he had brought his number of league and cup appearances for Canberra in the NSW and NSL competitions to 174 — a club record which is likely to stand for years.

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Is there a World Cup in Australia's future?

BY MIKE JOHNSON

AUSTRALIA to win the World Cup in 20 years time? Who can say they can never do it?

Denmark were in with a chance of doing it in the last World Cup.

Who can say that Australia could not be as strong as Denmark in 20 years time?

There are excellent players each year coming out of Australia and heading for top soccer overseas.

The Dutch and the Danish players have been doing that for decades, we have just begun, but to be sure the Australian exodus will not diminish.

How far ahead of our players are the top players overseas?

Tony Dorigo, currently in the England squad, is not that much ahead of Mike Grbevski, formerly of St George, now of Sydney Croatia.

Grbevski has better physical qualities than Dorigo and in some of his games at St George looked every bit as good as the Dorigo I saw at Chelsea last year, as I previously observed in ASW.

Aussie star Craig Johnston was a great competitor, with a powerful shot and good heading ability, but not much more.

Yet it took him into Britain's greatest club side, Liverpool.

Outstanding young prospect Tony Krslovic of St George is probably the next Saint to be



the narrowing gap in class between them and us.

The same can be said of the performances of Crystal Palace players in the two Wembley Cup finals.

Palace's near neighbour in England, Charlton Athletic, has recently been in Australia and found it hard to get a result against hurriedly put together ACT and Queensland state sides.

Marconi's success on their Czechoslovakian tour was additional indication that the gap is narrowing between Europe and here, and just as surely, between South America and here.

There are very good players in leagues all around Australia.

An excellent finisher called Fabian Kadric scored more than 30 goals in NSW Second Division last year, playing in the same side as John Filan, Sydney Macedonia.

The advent of Joe Venglos, backed up by Eddie Thomson, could provide us with the impetus which could indeed make us a world force at international level 20 years from now.



JOHN FILAN — talented enough to be heading overseas soon.

Not as far as some would believe.

Diego Maradona and Ruud Gullit are in a class of their own in Europe, but next best placed, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard are very good players.

Just as today low level teams throughout the world can hold their place with high level teams, generally losing, but seldom getting hammered, so the levels between individual players has reduced.

It saw on SBS television some excellent soccer players involved in professional games in South Africa.

Some of them had great skill on the ball.

Current Australian stars overseas Frank Farina and Eddie Krncevic were not great players in Australia.

They were good players, in Farina's case, a very good player.

But who would have expected either Frank or Eddie to make the impact they have?

making the trek overseas.

Who's to say John Filan, who last year played in NSW Second Division, won't join him?

Mike Gibson would have made it overseas.

They are two brilliant keepers and I saw one almost as good a week or two ago in 17-year-old Dave Laurie, first team 'keeper for Campbelltown in the NSW State League Second Division.

Young Laurie kicked the ball almost the length of the field against my team Southern Districts and has splendid poise and confidence for one so young.

As I have watched the performances of some of the goalkeepers in England this year, especially that of Scotland's World Cup goalkeeper Jim Leighton in his games for Manchester United, one is made aware of

QUEENSLAND v NSW

Perry Park clash marks centenary

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell has kept faith with the players who earned a 2-2 draw with Charlton Athletic last month in naming his squad for the State of Origin clash with NSW at Perry Park on Sunday.

Stowell chose to strengthen the squad with only two expatriate Queenslanders — South Melbourne's Danny Wright and Preston's Steve Jackson.

Surprisingly, Sydney Croatia stopper and former Socceroo Alan Hunter, a former Brisbane Lions player, was overlooked while Stowell considered but decided he did not need other interstate-based players including Manis Lamond, John Koch and Brian MacNicol.

"Playing interstate does not necessarily mean you are better than someone who plays in Queensland," Stowell said. "In the case of Alan Hunter, I thought those who did the job against Charlton deserved another chance and we did not need him."

The Queensland squad is: Rob Farrow, Frank Mengotti, Andrew Stowell, Nick Meredith, Jim McDonagh, Clayton Koch, Stuart Woodruffe,



JEAN-PAUL DE MARIGNY — in the NSW State of Origin squad against Queensland on Sunday.

Stein Grodum, Steve Jackson, Danny Wright, David Hunter

Paul Halford, Chris Slater, Noel Carroll.

The only players to miss out from the squad which beat Charlton were North Star defender Shane Haddow, who was injured against the tourists, and Gold Coast player Lee Hosier, who was a non-playing substitute against Charlton.

Queensland faces a tough job to avenge last year's 3-2 defeat

after NSW coach Berti Mariani named one of the strongest Blues line-ups since the interstate series was revived in 1983.

Although the NSL finished over three weeks ago, the NSW side is bristling with NSL stars.

The squad includes a number of players involved in this week's series against Hajduk Split.

Berti Mariani's NSW squad is: Bob Catlin, John Filan, Gary van Egmond, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Robbie Wheatley, Robbie Hooker, Steve Calderan, Andrew Bernal, Gary Phillips, Peter Katholos, Darren Stewart, Jason van Blerk, David Seal, Tony Krslovic, Graham Arnold, Paul Okon.

This Sunday's Perry Park clash will mark 100 years of interstate soccer between Queensland and NSW.

The Maroons will be hoping to repeat their effort of those opening matches — Queensland won 3-1 and 1-0.

NSW has dominated the 100 years of interstate soccer.

The Blues have won 37 times to Queensland's 23, while 16 games were drawn, but the honours have been shared since the 1983 revival, each state winning three times, with one game drawn.

Brisbane City catches fire

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE City have renewed hopes of returning to the National League after soaring to the top of the XXXX League in recent weeks.

City, again under the guidance of Juan Cutillas who took them to the grand final three years ago, have pegged back Lions' runaway lead at the top of the table with a series of big wins in catch-up and rain-affected rounds.

While Lions have been inactive because of the water-logged pitches, City have managed to get their games played and have turned into real mudlarks.

They thrashed Olympic United 6-0 in the slush at Spencer Park a week ago, which followed a 6-1 drubbing of Rochdale, then accounted for the hard to beat at home Pine Rivers 1-0 in a midweek tie.

Former Sydney and Brisbane Olympic United player Frazier Cuba and longtime City goalgrabber Kieran Cooper have been the side's main destroyers.

Cutillas and club directors are again excited about the prospect of a return to the NSL through the interstate play-offs this year.

"It seems everybody thinks Lions are the only team in Brisbane," Cutillas said, "but we have turned the corner and we want to go for the NSL. Lions are well within our reach. Next time we'll give them a run for their money."

City secretary Angelo Pennisi said the club was aware much had changed since it was last in the NSL, in 1986, but was confident of raising their standards on and off the field to meet the challenge.

While City are aiming for the NSL, last year's premiers, North Star, may be ruling their decision to decline participation in the 1989 play-offs against the Victorian and South Australian champions.

Stars now look longshots to retain their Queensland title and get another tilt at NSL promotion.

APOLOGY

ASW regrets that readers in some Sydney western suburbs had their supply of the paper delayed last week due to an error in bundling up copies.

Q'LAND TABLES

as at 28.5.90

XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	9	8	1	0	22	2	25
Bris City	9	7	1	1	31	8	22
North Star	9	4	4	1	29	17	16
Rochdale Rov	9	4	1	4	12	20	13
Pine Rivers	6	4	0	2	19	15	12
Acacia Ridge	9	4	0	5	21	21	12
Taringa Rov	9	2	5	2	10	12	11
Eastern Subs	9	2	3	4	11	15	9
Coastal	8	2	1	5	8	16	7
Grange This	9	2	1	6	11	24	7
Olympic Utd	9	2	1	6	9	24	7
Mt Gravatt	7	1	0	6	4	13	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Croatia	10	7	2	1	22	7	23
Nerang	9	7	1	1	24	9	22
Inala City	10	5	4	1	23	11	19
Newmarket	10	5	1	3	23	19	19
St Albans	11	6	1	4	18	15	19
Wynnum	9	4	2	3	13	12	14
The Gap	9	4	1	4	9	9	13
Goodna	10	3	2	5	10	17	11
Willowburn	10	3	1	6	17	18	10
St Helens	9	3	0	6	11	16	9
Mitchellton	9	1	1	7	7	2	4
Redlands	8	0	0	8	4	28	0

Outstanding women's championship set for Sydney in 1991

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A move in NSW is being made to conduct a Women's World Invitational Club Tournament for July 1991.

Mr Lal Byers, chairman of the Gladesville Hornsby Women's Football Assn, said the competition is designed to take place in conjunction with the association's 10th anniversary.

Permission to conduct the competition is proceeding through the NSW and Australian Federations.

No less than 40 in-

itations have been despatched, with Hawaii, the United States and Canada amongst the most likely overseas visitors.

Mr Byers said: "Women's football needs a higher image in Australia."

"A successful tournament of this nature will do wonders for the game."

Also invited to play with be four top NSW clubs, two from Queensland and the leaders from Victoria, ACT, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and Northern Territory.



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CHS COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD

Gifted Glendale Girls

BY BILL TURNER

THE Glendale High Schools Commonwealth Bank Shield team is made up of some gifted players, three of whom were selected in the Hunter side for the girls' Regional Championships.

The players are midfielder Belinda Stobbart, attacking midfielder Tracey White, and goalkeeper Deanne Russell.

Perhaps a little unlucky were the talented Feighan twins, Kerry and Kristy, who must have missed selection by a whisker.

In the Commonwealth Bank Shield competition the Glendale girls are on line for a repeat showdown with their 1989 final conquerors, James Ruse High, as they have three satisfying victories to date after a Round One bye.

Following their opening 19-0 win over Newcastle High they faced Belmont, who had just scraped home against (Booragul 4-3), in Round Three.

Player of that match was the mercurial strik-

er Kerry Feighan who scored three times and set up numerous chances in a 4-1 victory.

The Round Four clash was away against Merewether High on the beautiful surface of their school ground.

Based upon strong defence from Deanne Russell in goal, Belinda Stobbart and Natalie Hunter, the rest of the team concentrated on swift attacking moves.

This once again gave Kerry Feighan room to move and she responded by potting all the goals in a 4-0 win.

One of the goals was described by Glendale coach Gail Garvey and Merewether coach Alex Adams as one of the most brilliant they had ever seen.

Accepting a pass just inside the penalty area, she drew the complete defence to the right then deftly caressed the ball back with her left foot before sweetly placing into the open goal.

While 4-0 was a sound result, the score would have been much greater but for a brilliant goalkeeping exhibition

from the "Jo Cool" Merewether keeper, Angela Holzhauser.

John Frew coaches

Illawarra Coaches Association has a remarkable 94 members, 63 of whom recently watched Casey de Bruin put on a top session, on how to develop a team pattern of play.

The next meeting on Monday June 18 at 6.30pm features a John Frew talk about improving your coaching.

Also on the list is a Wiel Coerver skills demonstration from Oscar Gonzalez.

The Illawarra Soccer School Holidays Coaching Clinic takes place from Jun 2/6 at Judy Masters Oval, Balgownie, and Lakelands Oval, Dapto.

The cost is modest at \$25 and applications can go to Mrs Florence Stephenson, tel 84 2156.

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AMATEUR CUPS

UNDER 14
Connells Pt v Apia 1-0, Castle Hill v Wetherill Park 0-1, Sylvania Hts v Emu Plains w/f, Baulkham Hills v Austral 2-2, Engadine Eagles v Bankstown Dist 5-1, Wakehurst v Fields Utd 1-1, Gympie v Marrickville 1-1, Fairfield Hts v Winston Hills 3-0, Chullora v Penrith RSL 0-4, St George bye, Werrington v Carrs Pk 2-0, Moorebank v Sans Souci 1-1, Crest v Dundas 1-2, Canterbury v Menai Hawks 0-3, Kissling Pt v Greystanes 0-9, Merubra v Mt Druitt 7-0,

North Rocks v Liverpool Albion 1-6.

UNDER 16
Cerrywood v Oatley RSL w/f, Martin v Revesby Lion 0-0, Sylvania Hts v Pendle Hill 1-4, Baulkham Hills v Liverpool Rangers 3-0, Earlwood W A v Beverly Hills 0-3, Wakehurst v Kingslangley 0-5, Gympie Utd v Marrickville 3-4, Epping YMCA v Winston Hills 1-1, Miranda Magpies v Penrith RSL 10-1, Bankstown Dist v CSI 0-3, Georges Hall v Werrington 5-2, Auburn Jrs v Lilli Pili w/f, Menai Hawks v Macquarie Comb I/f, Springwood v Canterbury Jrs 8-0, Mt Druitt v Kissling Pt n/a, Liverpool Albion v Balmain PCBC 1-3, West Pennant H v Campsie Utd 0-6, Rockdale v Earlwood W B 3-3, Puglia v Fairfield RSL 5-0,

Socceroos in Hornsby

AFTER completing 20 school visits in the Kuring-Gai Soccer Association, Promotions and Development Officer Robert Wheatley is confident that the sport is alive and well in the area.

The Socceroo players who visited the schools were most impressed with the enthusiasm and general standard of children

both at primary and secondary level.

With over 5000 registered players currently playing soccer in the local area they have a great opportunity to meet their idols — the Socceroos — on Thursday 7th June.

They will be on centre stage, Westfield Shoppingtown Hornsby, from 7pm.

Junior players and shoppers will have the opportunity to meet the players, practice some skills and receive stickers and posters.

In addition to the Socceroo visit there will be a display: "Australian Soccer: It's past, present and future" that will run for an entire week from Monday 4th June and finish on Saturday 9th June.

The display traces soccer back to the late 19th century.

It also looks at Australia on the world stage with all international results since 1923.



BLAKTOWN U14: Coach: C. Chew. Manager: L. Gallaway. Peter Yardley, Noel Attard, Daniel Gadd, Sean England, Claudio Pintos, Mark Grech, Shaun Beirne, Gianni Corvetti, Adrian Macerola, Anthony Topic, Michael Smithers, Ian Merryfull, Anthony Messina, Craig Sinclair, Brian Vella. Pic: H. CARRASCO



SYDNEY Croatia Under 12: B Adams, S Topic, J Curie, D Klisovic, R Bosnjak, S Zovic, I Topic, J Moric, M Saric, M Perovic, D Zoric, J Olic, M Bilic, R Bobanovic, D Tomas, Z Kolaroski, M Mascariello, A Meredith. Coach: N Marinic.



NEPEAN U/13: Peter Munsie, Shaun Vanderburg, Matthew Ilijic, Glenn Cattell, Jack Costello, Jon Feltham, Shane Crampton, Steve Josevski, Mark Thompson, Adam Thompson, David Gerlach, Markus Mayer, Scott Mahboub. Coach: Brad Earl. Manager: Chris Ayers. Pic: H CARRASCO

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 17 SATURDAY JUNE 2 DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17
St George	v	Illawarra	7-0	2-1	1-0 5-1
Syd Olympic	v	Nepean	1-0	2-1	3-0 4-0
APIA	v	Bankstown	1-1	2-2	2-3 2-1
Syd Croatia	v	Sutherland	1-3	0-0	0-1 0-2
Melita	v	Marconi	4-2	0-1	1-2 2-0
Blacktown City	v	Sthn Districts	4-0	3-3	0-0 3-1
Cant/M'ville	v	Macarthur	2-4	0-0	0-0 6-2

ROUND 17 SATURDAY JUNE 2 DIVISION 2

		U11	U12	U13	U14
Ku-ring-gai	v	Sthn & Eastern	1-1	1-4	0-1 0-5
Canterbury	v	Polonia	3-1	1-2	0-0 1-1
Warringah	v	Central Coast			w/o
Gladesville	v	Rockdale	3-0	0-0	0-2 0-2
Manly Warringah	v	Blacktown	2-1	0-5	0-0 5-2
Avala	v	Sthn Branch	0-2	1-1	2-0 1-1

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ROUND 10 SUNDAY JUNE 3 DIVISION A

		U11	U12
Sthn Branch	v	Canterbury	3-2 0-4
St George	v	Illawarra	3-0 1-0
Granville	v	Macarthur	2-3 3-2
Blacktown	v	Bankstown	0-1 0-4
Sthn Districts	v	Sutherland	0-5 2-2

DIVISION B ROUND 7&8 SUNDAY MAY 27 & JUNE 3

		U11	U12
Sthn & East v bye			
Ku-ring-gai	v	Nepean	1-6 0-5
Macquarie	v	Gladesville	0-3 0-0
Macquarie	v	Gladesville	0-3 2-2
Central Coast	v	Manly	1-2 1-0
Sthn & E	v	Ku-ring-gai	1-0 4-0
Nepean	v	Macquarie	5-1 2-1
Gladesville	v	Central Coast	3-2 1-3
Manly v bye			

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pool R 2-0, West Side v
Caringbah Rangers 1-4,
West Pymble v Dundas B
5-0, Sth Dubbo Wand v
Epping East 2-4, Kenthurst
v Umina 0-4, Leppington L
v Concord Jnrs 0-1,
Hornsby RSL v Orange
CYMS 3-2, Epping East C v
Nth Sutherland 1-12, Pen-
shurst West v Hurstville
RSL 3-0, Riverina A, Eschol
Pk v Lilli Pili A 0-5, N Shore
Hellas v Heathcote 5-0,
Carlton A v Epping East B
15-1, Belmore B v Granville
Waratah 0-5.

Padstow Pk v Oakhill Col 5-1.

UNDER 18

Connells Pt v Oatley RSL
4-0, Castle Hill v Revesby
Lions 1-0, Sylvania Hts v
Pendle H 1-2, Baulkham H
A v Liverpool Albion 3-3,
Engadine Eagles v Panania
RSL A 3-0, Cronulla Gulls v
Fields Utd 1-3, Gympie Utd
v Georges R I/f, Epping
YMCA v Winston H I/f,
Chullora Wolves v Kir-
rawee 3-5, N Epping Ran-
gers v Panania RSL B 3-1,
Hurlstone P v Werrington
1-1, Dundas Utd v Lilli Pili
0-3, Crest bye, Mt Druitt T v
Baulkham Hills w/f, Pana-
nia RSL C v Canley Hts 3-5.

U21 ROBERTSON CUP
Dundas Utd v Crest 1-2,
Menai Hawks v Amaroo 0-2,
Greystanes v Kissling Pt
A 2-5, Bass Hill v Allamby
n/a, Bankstown v St Ives 1-

It's anyone's 1990 World Cup

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE greatest sports show on earth gets under way early Saturday, Australian time, when Italia '90 kicks off with Argentina v Cameroun in Milan.

Again, Australians will be able to watch the World Cup live, thanks to SBS-TV, whose blanket coverage of all 52 games, will be amongst the most comprehensive in the world.

There is nothing to rival the World Cup in world-wide appeal, not even the Olympics.

Soccer is by far the

most popular sport in all but a handful of countries.

Everyone watches the World Cup, even if their own country is not involved, and this year's month-long tournament is expected to attract three times more television viewers than the 1988 Olympic Games.

Adding to the appeal of the 1990 World Cup is its uncertain outcome.

Few World Cups have been so open, with at least five countries in with a genuine chance of winning sport's most coveted prize.

Almost everyone agrees that the title will be won by Italy, West Germany, Holland, Brazil or Argentina, but opinions as to the ultimate winners are evenly divided.

Italy, at first glance, appear to be tremendously advan-

The European champions will come close if they regroup around coach Leo Beenhakker and don't self-destruct in an orgy of recriminations against officials.

I believe Argentina are also a big chance. Any team blessed with a Diego Maradona de-



tagged by playing at home — always a plus in the finals of a World Cup — but the pressure on them to perform will also be intense, and one solitary slip after the first phase will be fatal.

West Germany, who always feature prominently at the top level, hope to go one better than in 1982 and 1986 when they reached the final.

They certainly have the players this time to go all the way.

The Brazilians, who have had nothing to show for 20 years, are convinced that coach Sebastiao Lazaroni is the man who will bring the title back to their soccer-crazy country — a reasonable enough assumption based on his 'European' tactics and on the always magical skills of their players.

Holland will hold its collective breath, hoping to see the best of Ruud Gullit. The 'Milan Connection' of Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Gullit holds the key to Holland's success.

serves respect.

His recent form with Napoli suggests he is ready to strike again. Argentina will have no problems adapting. Based in Naples, they will be playing at home.

Should an outsider emerge in Italy — and the last surprise World Cup winner was West Germany way back in 1954 — it could perhaps come from the Soviet



DIEGO MARADONA



JURGEN KOHLER (West Germany)

Union, England, Spain, Yugoslavia or Uruguay.

Yugoslavia and Uruguay have talent to burn, the Soviets play a modern game, the Spaniards always have that special passion in their bellies when they don their national colours, and England boast a solid, all-round side, plus a trio of match-winners in their own right in Chris Waddle, John Barnes and Gary Lineker.

Romania is another team that could surprise, but their temperament is suspect and Sweden too could create an impression with their no-nonsense style and the emerging talents of a few young players.

The other competitors, I'm afraid, will just be making up the numbers at Italia '90.

Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Colombia, Eire and Scotland may spring the odd upset result, but none should advance past the eighth-finals.

Of the so-called minnows, Cameroun and South Korea stand out — both are not without a chance of advancing to

the second phase.

Egypt have had a couple of good results in warm-up matches against European teams, so don't give up on them altogether, but for the USA, Costa Rica and the United Arab Emirates, Italia '90 will probably be a painful learning experience, just as it would have been also for Australia had we qualified.

My tentative tip for the World Cup? Italy or West Germany.

The stars to watch

EVERY World Cup is dominated by certain players, either already established stars or complete revelations — Italia '90 will be no different.

So who will be the stars this year?

The partying will be spectacular in Naples where Diego Maradona is certain to star for Argentina in front of his Napoli fans.

His brilliant dribbling can turn any game around and will ignite a shower of ticker-tape when he scores and celebrates with a dash to the touchline before slumping to his knees.



FRANK RIJKAARD

The Brazilians also know how to party. Their team, as always, is packed with entertainers. Watch for Careca, another Napoli player, and also for young striker Bebeto and midfielders Branco and Dunga, as well as attacking full-back Mazinho.

The Italians will be under intense pressure from the home fans.

The whole of Italy is convinced it can win an unprecedented fourth World Cup and if they do just that it's likely that Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Baggio will have played a major part in the Azzurri's triumph.

This duo, however, may find their limelight stolen by goalkeeper Walter Zenga, the 30-year-old showman whose long hair, even longer shorts and breathtaking displays have earned him a rare star billing for a goalkeeper.

Two other goalkeepers sure to share the limelight are Colombia's Rene Higuita and Cameroun's Joseph Antoine Bell.

Higuita is the most unconventional goalkeeper in the world, actually an extra libero who thinks nothing of joining in the field action and who takes all his team's penalty kicks.

Bell is known for his unorthodox goalmouth routines and his perpetual smile.

As usual, the West Germans will be prominent in the finals, with captain Lothar Matthaus and Jurgen Klinsmann their lynchpins with new Juventus signing Thomas Hassler.

Matthaus and Klinsmann, of course, play

with Inter, so the Milan crowd will adopt West Germany as their own (Andreas Brehme also plays for Inter).

The tall athletic, blond Klinsmann is a match for any defender with his diving headers in the goal area.

For sheer skill, few players will match Yugoslavia's Dragan Stojkovic, now with Marseille. The midfielder's exquisite ball skills and wizardry put him in a class of his own.

Colombia's Carlos Valderrama, another French-based player, also has an extravagant bag of tricks. His frizzy hair and drooping mustache are unmistakable as he dummies opponents.

England's notable performers should be Chris Waddle, whose lazy hunched gait belies his dribbling prowess and the immensely talented John Barnes.

England's group rivals Holland boasts four of the world's finest and most attractive players with Ruud Gullit, Frank Rijkaard, Marco van Basten and Ronald Koeman.



CARECA

A fit Gullit could easily come away with the title of Player of the 1990 World Cup, as could van Basten, the favourite as the tournament's top goal scorer.

Other players to watch in Italy include Uruguayans Enzo Francescoli and Ruben Sosa, Austria's Toni Polster and Gerhard Rodax, Josef Chovanec of Czechoslovakia, Ron Whelan of Eire, US goalkeeper Tony Meola, South Korean striker Kim Ju Soong and Spain's Emilio Butragueno and Rafael Martin Vazquez.

— LOU GAUTIER

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ITALY

Home ground advantage makes Italy the outright favourite, but coach Azeglio Vicini also has a host of talent to stake a strong claim for a fourth world title. As usual, the Italians will field a tight defence, led by Franco Baresi, a midfield inspired by Roberto Donadoni and Carlo Ancelotti, and in attack Gianluca Vialli and perhaps new wonder boy Roberto Baggio will carry the Azzurris' hopes.

ASW odds: 5-1.



AUSTRIA

Austria, on paper at least, appears to have one of the most attack-oriented teams, with two of Europe's leader goalscorers leading their strike force — Toni Polster and Gerhard Rodax. Their defence is solid rather than spectacular and the midfield remains a question mark. A lot in that department will depend on how new star Andreas Herzog, only 21, performs.

ASW Odds: 66-1.



CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The winds of freedom which have swept the country will enable the team coached by Joe Venglos to field all of its foreign-based players — a big plus. A solid, if unimaginative side, Czechoslovakia are strongest in defence with Josef Chovanec, Jan Kocian and Frantisek Straka their key players. Don't expect many goals. It's not their style.

ASW odds: 66-1.



ITALIA '90

THE GROUPS

GROUP A

Italy
Austria
Czechoslovakia
USA

GROUP B

Argentina
Cameroun
USSR
Romania

GROUP C

Brazil
Sweden
Scotland
Costa Rica

GROUP D

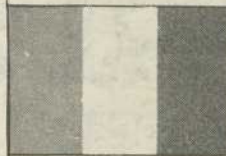
West Germany
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GROUP E

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South Korea
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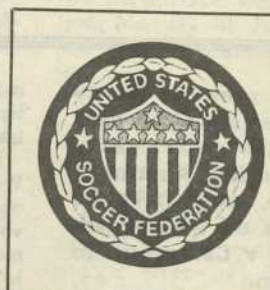
England
Eire
Holland
Egypt



UNITED STATES

Rank outsiders, back in the finals for the first time since 1950, the Americans lack the experience and the talent to worry their group opponents and will be playing mainly for pride. Striker Paul Caligiuri, goalkeeper Tony Meola and midfielder John Harkes are the players to watch, but for the US it may be a painful learning process.

ASW odds: 1000-1.



ARGENTINA

The World Cup holders will again revolve around one man, but what a player, the one and only Diego Maradona! The little genius' superb late season form with Napoli has boosted Argentina's chances. Playing most of the games in Naples will be a huge advantage, but they will have to rediscover their scoring touch to even approach their winning 1986 form.

ASW odds: 12-1.



CAMEROUN

If ever there was one team in the finals capable of creating big upsets, this is it. Their recent results may have been disappointing, but the Black Africans are set to repeat their 1982 World Cup exploits. Their French pros will be a threat to all three group opponents and Argentina should be on the alert in the World Cup opener on Saturday (EST).

ASW odds: 66-1.



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USSR

The Soviets have flattered only to deceive in many international events in the past and if their recent form in warm-up matches is any indication, they may fail in the World Cup again, but expect a huge improvement. Goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev, defender Oleg Luzhny, midfielders Vassily Rats and Igor Dobrovolsky, and striker Oleg Protasov are their lynchpins, but Alexei Mikhailichenko is a shock omission.

ASW odds: 12-1.



SWEDEN

Sweden is another team which be based mainly on foreign-based professionals. Coach Olle Nordin has moulded his motley crew into a disciplined outfit. They have no megastars, but employ a classical 4-4-2 formation which brings out the best of the material available. Could qualify for phase 2 along with Scotland. Watch for exciting new striker Brolin.

ASW Odds: 25-1.



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ROMANIA

Forget the international chaos in Romania: coach Emerich Jenei has gone about getting his team in tip-top shape for Italia '90 where they will give their group a good shake. The finals will be a great stage for stars such as Gheorghe Hagi, Marius Lacatus, Gavril Balint and Dorin Mateut to strut their stuff and earn lucrative foreign contracts.

ASW odds: 33-1.



SCOTLAND

Scotland are in the finals for the fifth consecutive time, but have yet to advance to the second round. They should do that this year, but their ambitions have to be modest. The Scots are nowhere nearly as strong as they like to believe despite a few quality players like Roy Aitken, Paul McStay, Mo Johnston and Brian McClair.

ASW odds: 66-1.



BRAZIL

As always, one of the favourites. Sebastiao Lazaroni's squad has depth and talent in all its lines. Coach Lazaroni has instilled far greater discipline into his team, and with several key players operating in Europe, the Brazilians will have no problems adapting to the surroundings. Goalkeeper Taffarel, defenders Mazinho and Ricardo, midfielders Alemao and Dunga, and strikers Careca and Bebeto should all be amongst the star performers of Italia '90.

ASW odds: 6-1.



COSTA RICA

In the finals for the first time, this tiny democratic Central American nation is out to enjoy themselves. Realistically, they don't expect to collect a single point, but new coach Bora Milutinovic believes his men won't be disgraced in such exalted company. Hernan Medford is the star of the team.

ASW odds: 1000-1.



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WEST GERMANY

The West Germans could give coach Franz Beckenbauer the dream going away present: a third World Cup title. They are certainly good enough to win it all. Playing in Milan, with Inter stars Lothar Mathaus, Andreas Brehme and Jurgen Klinsmann in their ranks, will be a big bonus, but midfielder Thomas Hassler could be their ace in the hole.

ASW odds: 6-1.



WORLD CUP WINNERS

1930: Uruguay
1934: Italy
1938: Italy
1950: Uruguay
1954: West Germany
1958: Brazil
1962: Brazil
1966: England
1970: Brazil
1974: West Germany
1978: Argentina
1982: Italy
1986: Argentina

YUGOSLAVIA

Coach Ivica Osim seems to have forged a team which at long last may perform in the finals with distinction. The Yugoslavs have always been endowed with highly polished technical players, but under Osim they have also assimilated tactics and discipline. Watch for Dragan Stojkovic and Dejan Savicevic, if fit. One of my dark horses.

ASW odds: 25-1.



COACHES



Ivica Osim
(Yugoslavia)



Jung Moo Huh
(South Korea)



Guy Thys
(Belgium)



Franz Beckenbauer
(West Germany)



Luis Suarez
(Spain)

COLOMBIA

Should Yugoslavia falter, then Colombia will step into the breach and take over as No 2 in their group. The South Americans, conquerors of Israel, play some delightful football, but find scoring difficult. Their star player, without a doubt, will be the unconventional goalkeeper, Rene Higuita.

ASW odds: 66-1.



BELGIUM

The Belgians will be hard pressed to do as well as in Mexico when they came fourth. They have recalled coach Guy Thys for Italia '90, who will return to defence-oriented tactics to protect the goal of Michel Preud'homme. Captain Jan Ceulemans and strikers Marc van der Linden and Marc Degryse should catch the eye.

ASW odds: 33-1.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The rank outsiders, with the USA, the UAE, under new coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, may even find scoring a goal beyond them. It is highly doubtful they can even secure a scoreless draw (like Australia in 1974), but for them, reaching the finals was a phenomenal achievement in itself — and it certainly was just that.

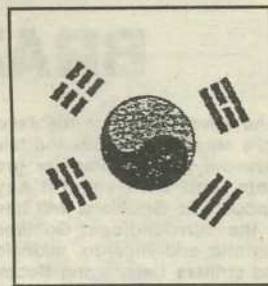
ASW odds: 1000-1.



SOUTH KOREA

Asia's major soccer power will be no easy-beats and I expect them to do better than in Mexico where they more than held their own. In striker Kim Joo Sung, they have Asia's best footballer. They could collect at least two group points, and perhaps even sneak into the second round. They are for real.

ASW odds: 100-1.



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URUGUAY

Also for real are Uruguay, whose chances have to be taken very seriously. Under coach Oscar Tabarez, they have shed their image as a "rough" team and have returned to their technical, open football of years gone by, and in Ruben Sosa, Enzo Francescoli and Jose Perdomo they have world-class performers by any standard.

ASW odds: 25-1.



SPAIN

Always there or therabouts in top competitions, Spain will again pose a threat at Italia '90, but it remains to be seen if they can reach the quarter-finals. Luis Suarez has selected a young squad, with Emilio Butragueno a "veteran" at age 27. But Spain's World Cup star may be midfielder Rafael Martin-Vazquez.

ASW odds: 20-1.



ENGLAND

England have not done well recently against the Dutch or the Irish, but current form indicates they are good enough to do at least as well as in Mexico when they reached the quarter-finals. Gary Lineker will be hoping to repeat as the leading goalscorer, but I expect Chris Waddle to hog the limelight in Italy.

ASW odds: 16-1.



COACHES



Bobby Robson
(England)



Valery Lobanovskiy
(USSR)



Josef Hickersberger
(Austria)



Sebastiao Lazaroni
(Brazil)



Mahmoud El Gohary
(Egypt)



EIRE

The Republic of Ireland may not rate as highly as England or Holland, but don't discard their chances in the group. Jack Charlton has moulded his English-based players into a competitive unit, ready to die for the green of Erin. Not a pretty side to watch, but very effective in defence and deadly on the break.

ASW odds: 66-1.



HOLLAND

One man holds the key to Holland's World Cup — Ruud Gullit, of course. With a fit Gullit, I would not hesitate making the Dutch the outright favourites but unrest amongst the players over coaching appointments may hinder the squad. However, any team that includes Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Ronald Koeman deserves tremendous respect.

ASW odds: 8-1.



EGYPT

A string of good results in warm-up matches against fellow World Cup finalists in Europe has given their opponents something to think about and they will be underestimating Egypt at their own risk and peril. For all that, it's hard to see El Gohary's "Pharoahs" even managing a draw in Sicily and Sardinia.

ASW odds: 500-1.



The 24 World Cup squads at Italia '90

ITALY: 1 Zenga, 2 Baresi, 3 Bergomi, 4 De Agostini, 5 Ferrara, 6 Ferri, 7 Maldini, 8 Vierchowod, 9 Ancelotti, 10 Berti, 11 De Napoli, 12 Tacconi, 13 Giannini, 14 Marocchi, 15 Baggio, 16 Carnevale, 17 Donadoni, 18 Schillaci, 19 Serena, 21 Viali, 22 Pagliuca. Coach: A. Vicini.

AUSTRIA: 1 Lindenberg, 2 Aigner, 3 Pecl, 4 Pfeffer, 5 Schoettel, 6 Zsak, 7 Russ, 8 Artner, 9 Polster, 10 Linzmaier, 11 Hoertnaegel, 12 Baur, 13 Ogris, 14 Rodax, 15 Reglevits, 16 Reisinger, 17 Pfeilenberger, 18 Streiter, 19 Glatzmayer, 20 Herzog, 21 Konsel, 22 Konrad. Coach: J. Hickersberger.

USA: 1 Meola, 2 Trittschuh, 3 Doyle, 4 Banks, 5 Windischmann, 6 Harkes, 7 Ramos, 8 Bliss, 9 Sullivan, 10 Vermes, 11 Wynalda, 12 Krumpke, 13 Eichmann, 14 Stollmeyer, 15 Armstrong, 16 Murray, 17 Balboa, 18 Keller, 19 Henderson, 20 Calliguri, 21 Covone, 11 Vanole. Coach: R. Gansler.



CZECHOSLOVAKIA: 1 Stejskal, 2 Bielik, 3 Kadlec, 4 Hasek, 5 Kocian, 6 Straka, 7 Bilek, 8 Chovanec, 9 Kubik, 10 Skuhravy, 11 Moravcik, 12 Fieber, 13 Nemecek, 14 Weiss, 15 Kinier, 16 Hyravy, 17 Knoflick, 18 Luhovy, 19 Griga, 20 Nemecek, 21 Milkosko, 22 Paluch. Coach: J. Venglos.

ROMANIA: 1 Lung, 2 Rednic, 3 Klein, 4 Andone, 5 Rotariu, 6 G. Popescu, 7 Lacatus, 8 Sabau, 9 Camataru, 10 Hagi, 11 Lupu, 12 Stelea, 13 A. Popescu, 14 Raduciolu, 15 Mateut, 16 Timofte, 17 Dumitrescu, 18 Balint, 19 Sandoi, 20 Musznay, 21 Lupescu, 22 Liliac. Coach: E. Ienei.



ARGENTINA: 1 Pimpido, 2 Batista, 3 Balbo, 4 Basualdo, 5 Bauza, 6 Calderon, 7 Burruchaga, 8 Caniggia, 9 Dezotti, 10 Maradona, 11 Fabbri, 12 Goicochea, 13 Lorenzo, 14 Giusti, 15 Monzon, 16 Olarticochea, 17 Sensini, 18 Serizuela, 19 Ruggeri, 20 Simon, 21 Troglio, 22 Cancelarich. Coach: C. Bilardo.

BRAZIL: 1 Taffarel, 2 Jorginho, 3 Ricardo, 4 Dunga, 5 Alemao, 6 Branco, 7 Bismarck, 8 Valdo, 9 Careca, 10 Silas, 11 Romario, 12 Acacio, 13 Mozer, 14 Aldair, 15 Muller, 16 Bebeto, 17 Renato, 18 Mazinho, 19 Ricardo Rocha, 20 Tita, 21 Mauro Galvao, 22 Ze Carlos. Coach: S. Lazaroni.

SWEDEN: 1 Andersson, 2 J. Eriksson, 3 Hysen, 4 Larsson, 5 Jung, 6 R. Nilsson, 7 Nyhlen, 8 Schwarz, 9 Engqvist, 10 Ingesson, 11 Jansson, 12 L. Eriksson, 13 Limpar, 14 J. Nilsson, 15 Stromberg, 16 Thern, 17

Brolin, 18 Ekstrom, 19 Gren, 20 Magnusson, 21 Pettersson, 22 Ravelli. Coach: O. Nordin.

COSTA RICA: 1 Conejo, 2 Quesada, 3 Flores, 4 Gonzalez, 5 Obando, 6 Chaves, 7 Medford, 8 Chavarria, 9 Guimaraes, 10 Ramirez, 11 C. Jara, 12 Gomez, 13 Davis, 14 Cayasso, 15 Marin, 16 Jaikel, 17 Mayers, 18 G. Jara, 19 Marchena, 20 Montero, 21 Barantes, 22 Segura. Coach: B. Milutinovic.

URUGUAY: 1 Alvez, 2 Gutierrez, 3 De Leon, 4 Herrera, 5 Perdomo, 6 Dominguez, 7 Alzamendi, 8 Ostalaza, 9 Francescoli, 10 Paz, 11 Sosa, 12 Pereira, 13 Revelez, 14 Pintos, 15 Correa, 16 Bengochea, 17 Martinez, 18 Aguilera, 19 Fonseca, 20 Pereira, 21 Castro, 22 Zeoli. Coach: O. Tabarez.

SPAIN: 1 Zubizarreta, 2 Chendo, 3 Jimenez, 4 Andriana, 5 Manuel Sanchis, 6 Martin Vazquez, 7 Pichardo, 8 Sanchez Flores, 9 Butragueno, 10 Gomez Colomer, 11 Villaroya, 12 Martinez, 13 Albaredo, 14 Echarte, 15 Roberto, 16 Bakero, 17 Hierro, 18 Rafael Paz, 19 Julio Salinas, 20 Manolo, 21 Michel, 22 Ochotorena. Coach: L. Suarez.



SCOTLAND: 1 Leighton, 2 McLeish, 3 Aitken, 4 Gough, 5 McStay, 6 Malpas, 7 Johnston,

8 Bell, 9 McCoist, 10 MacLeod, 11 Gillespie, 12 Goram, 13 Durie, 14 McNally, 15 Levein, 16 McCall, 17 McKimmie, 18 Collins, 19 McPherson, 20 McAllister, 21 Fleck, 22 Cunn. Coach: A. Roxburgh.

BELGIUM: 1 Albert, 2 Hodart, 3 Ceulemans, 4 Claesen, 5 Clijeters, 6 Degryse, 7 Demol, 8 De Sart, 9 De Wilde, 10 De Wolf, 11 Emmers, 12 Gerets, 13 Grun, 14 Plovie, 15 Preud'homme, 16 Scifo, 17



Staelens, 18 Van der Elst, 19 Van der Linden, 20 Versavel, 21 Vervoort, 22 Wilmots. Coach: G. Thys.

WEST GERMANY: 1 Ilgner, 2 Reuter, 3 Brehme, 4 Kohler, 5 Augenthaler, 6 Buchwald, 7 Littbarski, 8 Hassler, 9 Volter, 10 Matthaus, 11 Milli, 12 Aumann, 13 Riedle, 14 Berthold, 15 Bein, 16 Steiner, 17 Moller, 18 Klinsmann, 19 Pflieger, 20 Thon, 21 Hermann, 22 Koepke. Coach: F. Beckenbauer.



SOUTH KOREA: 1 Poong Joo Kim, 2 Kyung Joon Park, 3 Kang Hee Choi, 4 Deuk Yeo Yoon, 5 Yong Hwan Chung, 6 Tae Hoo Lee, 7 Soo Jin Noh, 8 Hak Won Chung, 9 Kwan Hwangbo, 10 Sang Yoon Lee, 11 Byung Joo Buyn, 12 Heung Sil Lee, 13 Jong Soo Chung, 14 Soon Ho Choi, 15 Min Kook Cho, 16 Joo Sung Kim, 17 Sang Bum Gu, 18 Seon Hong Hwang, 19 Gi Dong Jeong, 20 Myung Bo Hung, 21 In Yung Choi, 22 Yung Jin Lee. Coach: Hoe Taik Lee.

YUGOSLAVIA: 1 Ivkovic, 2 Stanokovic, 3 Spasic, 4 Vulic, 5 Hadzibegic, 6 Jozic, 7 Brnovic, 8 Susic, 9 Pancev, 10 Stojkovic, 11 Vujovic, 12 Omerovic, 13 Katanec, 14 Boskic, 15 Prosinecki, 16 Sabanadzovic, 17 Jarni, 18 Baljic, 19 Savicevic, 20 Suker, 21 Pandic, 22 Lekovic. Coach: I. Osim.

HOLLAND: 1 van Breukelen, 2 van Aarle, 3 Rijkaard, 4 R. Koeman, 5 van Tiggelen, 6 Wouters, 7 E. Koeman, 8 Vanenburg, 9 van Basten, 10 Gullit, 11 Witschge, 12 Kieft, 13 Rutjes, 14 van't Schip, 15 Roy, 16 Helle, 17 Gillhaus, 18 Fraeser, 19 van Loon, 20 Winter, 21 Blind, 22 Menzo. Coach: L. Beenhakker.

EGYPT: 1 Shobeir, 2 I. Hassan, 3 Yassin, 4 H. Ramzy, 5 Yakan, 6 Kasem, 7 Youssef, 8

El Chani, 9 H. Hassan, 10 El Hamid, 11 Soliman, 12 Abou Zeid, 13 A. Ramzy, 14 Mahoub, 15 Bid, 16 Tolba, 17 Shawky, 18 Oraby, 19 El Rahman, 20 Abdou, 21 Taher, 22 El Batal. Coach: M. El Gohary.



COLOMBIA: 1 Higuaita, 2 Saldarriaga, 3 Monsalve, 4 H. Arango, 5 V. Arango, 6 Morales, 7 Mosquera, 8 Jaramillo, 9 Guerrero Paz, 10 Valderrama, 11 Valverde, 12 Garcia, 13 Hoyos, 14 Alvarez Zuleta, 15 Perea, 16 Iguaran, 17 Cassiani, 18 Cabrera, 19 Valencia, 20 Posada, 21 Barrios, 22 Ariza. Coach: F. Maturana.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: 1 Moosa Abdullah, 2 Khaleel Mubarak, 3 Jumaa, 4 Mubarak Mubarak, 5 Sultan, 6 Mohamed Abdullah, 7 Fahad Mubarak, 8 Khalid Mubarak, 9 Mohamed Ali, 10 Al Taliyani, 11 Bilal, 12 Abbas, 13 Hussain, 14 Nasser Mubarak, 15 Ibrahim Abdulrahman, 16 Salim Mubarak, 17 Faraj, 18 Fahad Abdullah, 19 Eissa Abdulrahman, 20 Hussain Mohamed, 21 Al Haddad, 22 Hassan Mohamed. Coach: Carlos Alberto Parreira.

USSR: 1 Dasayev, 2 Bessonov, 3 Khidiyatulin, 4 Kutnesov, 5 Demyanenko, 6 Rats, 7 Aleinikov, 8 Litvchenko, 9 Zavarov, 10 Protasov, 11 Dobrovolsky, 12 Boroduk, 13 Tsvetkov, 14 Lhuty, 15 Yaremchuk, 16 Chanov, 17 Zygmantovich, 18 Shalimov, 19 Fokin, 20 Gorkovitch, 21 Broshin, 22 Uvarov. Coach: V. Lobanovsky.



ENGLAND: 1 Shilton, 2 Stevens, 3 Pearce, 4 Webb, 5 Walker, 6 Butcher, 7 Robson, 8 Waddle, 9 Beardsley, 10 Lineker, 11 Barnes, 12 Parker, 13 Woods, 14 Wright, 15 Dorico, 16 McMahon, 17 Platt, 18 Hodge, 19 Gascoigne, 20 Steven, 21 Bull, 22 Seaman. Coach: B. Robson.

CAMEROON: 1 Nkono, 2 Bell, 3 Songo'o, 4 Kunde, 5 Tataw, 6 Massing, 7 Ndingue, 8 Akem, 9 Libiih, 10 Ayakan, 11 Onana, 12 Pagal, 13 Makana, 14 Andre Kana Biyik, 15 Mbouh, 16 Mfede, 17 Djonep, 18 Francois Omane Biyik, 19 Kessak, 20 Milla, 21 Feutmba, 22 Ekeke. Coach: V. Nepomniaci.

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